# **LiquiFire**<sup>™</sup> User's Guide



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## **CHAPTER I**

## **Overview**

LiquidPixels' LiquiFire allows users to dynamically create and manipulate images ondemand, in real time. Images are created or altered by sending commands to the LiquiFire server, which will perform the operations and return the processed image.

LiquiFire presents many capabilities to the web designer, such as support for all popular image file formats, ability to render and manipulate vector images such as Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) and Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG), full International Color Consortium (ICC) color management, international (Unicode) typographic support, and manipulation of Exchangeable Image File (EXIF) and International Press Telecomminications Council (IPTC) metadata. Metadata – information about information – is data carried along with an image to convey additional details or characteristics beyond the picture itself.

LiquiFire assets such as images, image chains, color profiles, and fonts, can be acquired from many sources — over HTTP, FTP, or from an image repository on a LiquiFire server. They can be processed by *requests* sent to a LiquiFire server. Requests are a series of LiquiFire commands, described in detail in "Base Command Set" on page 73.

While LiquiFire is a very complex and powerful environment empowering the web designer with unmatched capabilities, it doesn't need to be intimidating – simple color, size, or format adjustments are extremely straightforward, and the most complex processing operations can just as easily be expressed. No detailed knowledge of imagery, file-formats, or image processing is necessary to take advantage of LiquiFire's potential.

The LiquiFire environment is managed via LiquiFire  $Orb^{TM} - a$  sophisticated webbased environment through which all aspects of LiquiFire operation may be controlled. All configuration, maintainence, and monitoring that is required to operate a single server or LiquiFire cluster environment can be performed from within LiquiFire Orb.

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## **Images**

Digital images are the obvious basis for all LiquiFire processes. Images exist in many forms on the Internet, but in LiquiFire they can all be thought of in a single, unified fashion.

An image is comprised of one or more *frames* – a series of sub-images contained within one main image – which when rendered represent an array of pixels that can be displayed or printed.

In addition to being comprised of frames, images may:

- be described as pixels or as instructions
- contain image-specific metadata
- contain esoteric metadata
- have transparent regions, known as alpha channels

Metadata is information carried along with an image that may be used for informational purposes. The width of an image, its format, original source, etc., are all examples of metadata. Images in LiquiFire always maintain their metadata throughout the image chain. Metadata is discussed more fully later, in "Image Specific Metadata" on page 13.

#### The Image Pool

When working with images in LiquiFire, images may need to be acquired or created. As images are introduced by a command in a request, these images reside in an *image pool*— a temporary collection of images maintained during each request. A separate image pool is created for each request, and is drained when the request is complete. Images in the pool are named so they can be identified and manipulated.

A special image in the pool – the current image, has a special name: '..'. All imaging operations affect the current image.

Certain commands add images to the image pool, and will accept an optional name argument by which the image in the pool will be known. If two images are named identically, the latter replaces the former in the pool.

Images in the LiquiFire environment may have multiple frames. If the file from which an image is retrieved supports multiple frames, it will be added to the pool just as any other image via the source command. As well, frames may be also added to images already in the pool. Once a multiple-frame image is in the pool, individual frames may be selected with the select command and subsequently manipulated as an independent image.

## Image Chains

The *image chain*, the heart of a LiquiFire command, is a representation of a sequence of steps necessary to create the desired result image.

Image Chains are built within LiquiFire by sending a series of commands, called a request. As the request is processed, each command is interpreted, in sequence, resulting in the creation of an image chain. The image chain, along with its associated metadata is contained within a *job*.

There are three types of commands which may be sent to LiquiFire: direct, macro, and metacommands. Direct commands are the most common, resulting in the addition of an Operator to the image chain. Macro commands, may perform additional computation or processing, such as database queries, calculations, etc., before optionally adding zero or more Operators to the image chain. Finally, metacommands allow manipulation of non-image data (metadata) associated with the request.

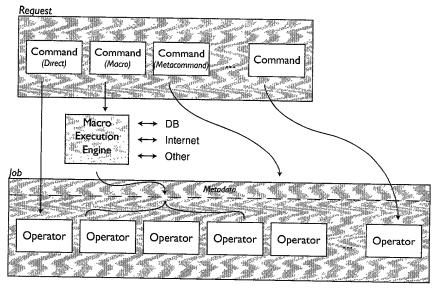


FIGURE 1. Command Processing

Let's look at a simple example:

Suppose you want to display an image in a web page within a space 200 pixels wide and 200 pixels tall. There are three steps required to process this image: Acquire the source image, scale it to the desired size, and send it to the requesting browser in a format the browser understands.

Graphically, the request might look like:

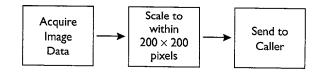


FIGURE 2. Simple Request Representation

The above illustration shows three direct commands within a simple request. These three direct commands will each create a single operator in the image chain.

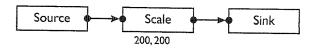


FIGURE 3. An image chain

The resulting image chain is no more complex.

### **Chain Representation**

Image chains themselves are not directly created. Rather, they are represented as a sequence of commands, each with a list of optional arguments. Each command represents one or more operators, macros or metacommands. These commands, in turn, are interpreted to create the image chain.

Image chains can be represented in many different ways. In fact, while LiquiFire understands image chains represented as either HTTP or XML, additional representations can be added to LiquiFire if needed.

The example depicted in Figure 3 contains three operators, with the second having two arguments, width and height. This example can be represented with three corresponding commands in an HTTP request.

The HTTP syntax for LiquiFire is designed to be simple to read and develop. For the technically inclined, the Modified Backus-Nauer form (mBNF) of the HTTP request is listed in the Appendix, "HTTP Syntax Definition" on page 187.

Commands are identified by name, and may result in one or more (as in the case of a macro) operators being added to the image chain. Optional named arguments

begin with an equals sign '=' and are separated by commas ', ' with their values surrounded by square brackets ('[' and ']'). Commands may have zero or more arguments.

commandName=argumentName[value], anotherArg[AnotherValue]...

#### FIGURE 4. Example Command Syntax

This User's Guide will focus solely on the http representation of LiquiFire requests. In the http request form, commands are processed in sequentially, and are separated in the request by an ampersand character '&' as per the http standard for get requests:

commandOne=argOne[valueOne],argTwo[valueTwo]&commandTwo&...

#### FIGURE 5. Multiple Commands

For legibility in this document, Requests within the examples may be separated into several lines. Returning to our simple image-scaling example above, represented as a real LiquiFire Request, it might be:

scurce=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/cat.jpg]&
scalc=geometry[200x200]&
sink

#### FIGURE 6. Simple LiquiFire Command

Here we can easily see the three commands, source, scale, and sink, together in a single request.

#### **Multiple Images**

Many requests will need to perform processing on more than one image. Yet the image chain representation becomes no more complex. In this example, one image is composed with another – the secondary image is blended, or layered, with the first at the location specified in the chain.

Graphically, the chain we would like to create looks like:

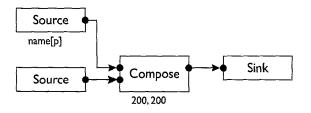


FIGURE 7. Multiple Image Chain

Since requests are represented as a sequence of commands, we must use references to other commands to describe a bifurcated chain. The image chain above could be created by the following LiquiFire request:

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/penguin.gif],
   name[p]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
composite=compose[Over],image[p],x[200],y[100]&
sink
```

FIGURE 8. Multiple Image Commands

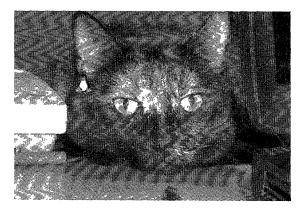


FIGURE 9. Simple Composition

Notice in this example there are two source commands, with the first one additionally specifying a name argument with the value of 'p'. This additional argument tells LiquiFire to take the penguin.gif image and add it to the pool as an image

named 'p'. The second source command does not specify a name – the image is added to the pool as the current image, or '.'.

The composite transform operator requires a composition type specified by the compose argument and the name of an image in the pool to compose with the current image, specified by the image argument. The optional x and y arguments define an offset for the composition. Complete details of all the commands and their arguments is in the chapter, "Base Command Set" on page 73.

Now let's look at a small change to the previous example:

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
  name[cat]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/penguin.gif],
  name[p]&
select=name[cat]&
composite=compose[Over],image[p],x[200],y[200]&
sink
```

FIGURE 10. Alternative Composition Commands

There are two differences here. First, the order of the source commands has been reversed, and both source commands specify image names. Second, there is a new command: select, used to make one of the images in the pool the current image. Functionally, this example is no different from the previous, but it can be easier to understand, since the 'current image' is no longer an inferred assignment.

#### **Asset Sources**

As noted earlier, LiquiFire assets can be acquired from many sources. The source of an asset is specified as a URI, with the http://, shttp://, ftp://, gopher:, and file: method types supported. Additional types may be added to LiquiFire.

For the common network based methods, the asset is retrieved from the location specified by the URI to the LiquiFire server where they are stored and managed by LiquiFire's intelligent caching system. If the original image is altered, it will be retransferred to LiquiFire, otherwise, once the image is managed by LiquiFire, it is not re-transferred unnecessarily.

URIS utilizing the file: method direct LiquiFire to retrieve the specified asset from the local LiquiFire Asset Pool. Assets may be added to and managed within the Asset Pool via LiquiFire Orb, discussed in "Resident Assets" on page 46.

Vector formats allow for limitless scaling and rotation of imagery without the pixel re-sampling and resulting reduction of quality otherwise necessary.

Note the difference between a

macro command and a stored

chain. Macro commands are exe-

cutable computer code designed

to perform complex, and often

custom, operations during image

chain creation. Stored chains, on the other hand, allow users to

store often used request frag-

ments for simple re-use later.

Images can be acquired in an ever-growing list of file formats, including formats that do not represent images as pixels, such as PostScript<sup>TM</sup>, Encapsulated PostScript (EPS) or Simple Vector Graphics (SVG).

#### **Image Creation**

Certain situations will warrant the introduction of a new (possibly blank or patterned) image into the image chain. Perhaps a transparent spacer image is needed, or a background on to which text will be drawn. The blank command adds a blank image creation operator to the image chain.

The blank command is used to add an operator to the image chain that creates a new solid image in the image pool:

blank=color[red], width[100], height[30]&
sink

FIGURE 11. Creating a new image

The new image can be created in any color desired, with many standard colors available by name. The complete list of named colors and the format for specifying custom colors is in the Appendix, "Color Definitions" on page 173.

#### **Stored Chains**

LiquiFire image chains can be stored to disk and can be retrieved from disk or any network accessible location. This ability to store image chains – as portions or complete chains – allows users to amass a library of imaging functions which can be assembled later to perform imaging tasks. Coupled with the use of esoteric metadata (see "Metadata" on page 13) and the set command (page 168), stored chains can behave as *functions*, allowing simple URLs to achieve powerful results.

Suppose you wish to adorn a set of web pages with section tabs similar to the one below:



FIGURE 12. A Graphic Tab

With the graphic for the image tag created as an EPS file, the following image chain could be used to create a section tab with a section name:

source=url[file:tab.eps]&
annotate=font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[9],text[Section+One],
 gravity[Center],fill[black]&
sink=format[GIF]

FIGURE 13. Section Tab

With this simple image chain, section tab images can be easily created for any area of the web site, without needing to create them ahead of time.

Since stored chains are referenced by URI just as any LiquiFire asset, they may be stored within the Resident Asset Pool or any network-accessible web of FTP server

With stored chains, however, this repetitive process can be made simpler. By replacing the text argument in the annotate command with a reference to global esoteric metadata, a portion of this image chain becomes a reusable function stored on the LiquiFire server. Notice that the sink command was omitted from the request.

```
source=url[file:tab.eps]&
annotate=font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[9],
   text[global.section],gravity[Center],fill[black]
```

FIGURE 14. Section Tab Fragment

Image chain fragments can be stored on any server in a file, and can be retrieved as part of a request by using the load command (see "load" on page 165). The set command (see "set" on page 168) can be used to assign values to global metadata fields within stored fragments. If the image chain fragment above in Figure 14 was stored on a web server http://www.domain.com in the file /chains/tab.chain, then the following image commands could be used to create a tab graphic:

set=key[section], value[Section+One]&
load=url[http://www.domain.com/chains/tab.chain]&
sink

FIGURE 15. Using a Stored Chain

Resulting in a customized tab image:



FIGURE 16. Custom Tab Image

#### Resident Assets

LiquiFire assets – images, fonts, stored chains – can be retrieved from any valid URL. LiquiFire supports the file: method within these URLs, indicating that the asset should be retrieved from the LiquiFire resident asset pool. This section describes LiquiFire Orb's facilities to manipulate and explore the asset pool.

LiquiFire's asset pool is divided into three distinct sections, each matching a corresponding type of data and therefore, matching a class of commands. The source command looks to the art asset pool; annotate, text, mftext, and textcurve look to the fonts asset pool; and the load command looks to the chains asset pool. Additionally, the addprofile command looks to the art asset pool for ICC color profiles.

When several LiquiFire servers are installed as a cluster, each slave server accesses a synchronized copy of the master's Resident asset pools, providing unified access to assets without any reduction in performance. Synchronization occurs on a regular basis, determined during configuration via LiquiFire Orb, and can be performed manually at any time.

Additional information regarding the Resident asset pools, manipulation capabilities of LiquiFire Orb, and cluster synchronization can be found in "Resident Assets" on page 46.

## Expressions

LiquiFire commands may contain arbitrary mathematical expressions which will be evaluated when the image chain is created from the request. Expressions are enclosed by parenthesis '('and ')', and may contain references to image metadata fields.

Expressions are an important element of LiquiFire's flexibility. They permit image manipulations to be constructed in situations where certain aspects of the source image or the necessary target are not known, or when metacommands are used to make decisions during rendering.

Simple expressions are useful to increase clarity within some operation. For example, let's look again at the penguin composition example on page 6. In this case, however, let's position the penguin at the center of the underlying cat image. To do this, we need to know the size of the cat image – information which we don't have available, but can use expressions (and image metadata) to determine.

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/penguin.gif],
   name[p]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
composite=compose[Over],image[p],
   x[( .width/2)],y[( .height/2)]&
sink
```

FIGURE 17. A Simple Expression

Notice that the image specified in the second source command above, while not explicitly named, can still be identified by the current image name '\_.'.

The identified image metadata width and height (see section "Metadata" on page 13) are each used within small expressions to determine the center of the current image (named '\_').

Expressions in LiquiFire are not typed – an expression resulting in a numeric result can be used later as text to be drawn onto an image. Likewise, textual, yet numeric metadata can be used within arithmetic expressions.

Certain characters may not be permitted within a request of a specific form. HTTP requests, for example, present a limited character set due to the use of several characters by the protocol to indicate special meaning. In all cases, however, encoding techniques specific to the representation can be used to overcome this limitation. LiquiFire Explorer, a component of the Orb management environment, can assist with URL encoding.

Several Metacommands are available that perform decision making operations such as if-then, string matching, or time and date determination. These Metacommands all perform by manipulating global metadata, and the results of their operation can be used within expressions. Let's look at a more complex example:

```
blank=width[600],height[60],name[bg]&
annotate=text[Only],font[Arial-Bold],pointsize[22],
    fill[black],y[35],x[10]&
annotate=text[days+left+till+Christmas],font[Arial-Bold],pointsize[22],
    fill[black],y[35],x[150]&
countdown=target[12/25/2001],key[days]&
annotate=text[global.days],font[Dominican],pointsize[36],
    fill[red],y[40],x[82]&
optimize&
sink=format[gif]
```

FIGURE 18. Countdown Example

In the previous example, the number of days remaining until Christmas 2001 is determined by the countdown metacommand supplied with LiquiFire. The resulting number is placed in the global metadata in a field named days, specified by the key argument in the countdown command. Each time this request is processed, the operators that result may contain different values, based on the number of days remaining. This information is used by the annotate command later in the request to draw a custom message on the image. Simple, yet very powerful.

#### **Conditional Execution**

Sometimes there are situations where a command within a request should only be executed if a certain criteria is met. Perhaps an image should only be reduced if it exceeds a certain size. Or, perhaps, only images in CMYK should only be converted to RGB, as illustrated in Figure 19. LiquiFire's conditional execution of commands allows for command processing to occur only if a criteria is valid.

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/Spain.jpg],
   name[image]&
scale=size[500]&
addprofile=url[file:profiles/sRGB.icm],
   if[('image.colorspace' ne 'RGB')]&
sink
```

FIGURE 19. Conditional Execution Example

Any LiquiFire command may contain an additional special argument, 'ff'. when the if argument is present for a command, the value of the if argument is evaluated, and the command will be skipped during processing if the value is numerically zero or blank.

#### Metadata

Images have two components: a visible component, represented as pixels, vector information, or instructions, and a non-visible component called metadata. Metadata comes in two forms, image-specific metadata, representing physical aspects of an image (height, width, color depth, format, etc.) and logical aspects of an image (cached, name, etc.) and esoteric metadata, representing any additional information associated with an image by the user. Image-specific metadata is inherent to the image, it can not be changed explicitly, while esoteric metadata can be arbitrarily manipulated as needed. Esoteric metadata can be manipulated by the attribute command.

Both types of metadata are available to LiquiFire commands within a request. There is no distinction made between image and esoteric metadata within a request.

Metadata is accessed by image pool name, followed by a dot '.' And the name of the metadata field desired. For example, the string cat.width could be used within a command to determine the width of an image named cat. The current image can also be queried for metadata, even when it is not explicitly named by using an underscore '.' as the image name (...width).

Beyond metadata associated with an image, there is also metadata associated with a request. This metadata, solely esoteric, can be used to pass information between commands in a request, much as variables are used in programming languages. Request-centric metadata is known as Global metadata, and is accessed via a special image name global.

Esoteric metadata can be set globally or specifically for an image by using the set metacommand, or by certain other metacommands and macros that may make decisions or calculations earlier in a request.

#### Image Specific Metadata

Two forms of image-specific metadata are detected and extracted by LiquiFire for use in image chains: IPTC metadata and EXIF metadata.

The International Press Telecommunications Council, or IPTC, defines a format for the exchange of metadata in news content including photographs. Many desktop imaging applications allow you to add IPTC metadata to your images, or view any data already in place. The IPTC metadata fields are listed in "IPTC Metadata" on page 193.

The EXIF, or Exchangeable Image File, defines a common format for image interchange in use by most digital cameras on the market today. Along with the image capture, devices supporting EXIF will populate the EXIF metadata fields with cameraand possibly location-specific information known at the time of capture. The EXIF metadata fields are listed in "EXIF Metadata" on page 196.

Both EXIF and IPTC metadata can appear in an image together.

## Non-Imaging commands

Non-Imaging commands are commands which, when executed, result in the addition of zero or more new operators added to the image chain. They differ from basic commands in that they do not perform imaging operations themselves. Rather, they are useful to make decisions, fetch data from an external source, perform repetitive commands, and to reduce complex, yet often-repeated imaging operations into a simple single command.

Non-imaging commands can be separated into two categories: metacommands and macros.

#### **Metacommands**

Metacommands are commands intended to manipulate metadata. LiquiFire has several stock metacommands:

Command	Function	Reference
countdown	Calculates the time remaining from the current time until the date specified.	page 161
fontmetrics	Determines the future resulting size of text when rendered in a specified font and size.	page 164
regexcase	A case statement for string expression matching.	page 166
set	Sets a field in the global metadata to the value specified	page 168
timecase	Given a list of dates, times, or date-times, returns the corresponding value when the current time falls within one of the specified ranges.	page 170

## **Macros**

LiquiFire is designed to be extensible. One of the areas in which LiquiFire can be extended is via the development of custom Macros. A macro appears as any other command within a request, but may be designed to perform complex computations, database access, or other computations as precursor steps to adding zero or more operations to the image chain, or setting esoteric metadata. A macro may, for example, be developed to query a database of product information and set esoteric metadata to the current price. This metadata could then be used later in the request to image sale information on the image, or as the basis for conditional execution of a command.

Certain macros are simple conveniences – the common use of LiquiFire to create an image containing styled text rendered in an attractive typeface can be simplified via a macro. To do this takes without a macro three steps: first, determine the size of the

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text to be rendered, in pixels, second, create a new blank image of that (or slightly larger) size; and third, render the text onto the new blank image. The text macro does just this: it calculates the bounding box for the text to be rendered, and then adds two new operators to the image chain: a blank operator and an annotate operator.

LiquiFire macros can be developed by LiquidPixels to customize the LiquiFire environment for your needs.

## Security

In most environments, there is no need to restrict access to a LiquiFire server or cluster. Some environments, however, will require certain restrictions to be placed on access to the server.

LiquiFire security is disabled by default. See "LiquiFire: Host" on page 28 for information on using LiquiFire Orb to enable security and how to select the types of restrictions. See "LiquiFire: Client Access" on page 31 for further information regarding the creation of host access lists.

There are two mechanisms by which access to a LiquiFite server can be restricted: referring host, and keyed requests.

#### Referring Host

This method is most applicable to websites using LiquiFire for imaging within their own environments or a limited number of external environments. It is not a desirable mechanism for securing LiquiFire access within the arena of HTML e-mail.

When a web browser makes a request to a server, it sends with the request information describing the HTML resource that referred the request. When following a link from one HTML page to another, for example, the browser informs the web server of the URL from which the second page is accessed. When a browser makes a request for an image, the web browser will inform the server the URL of the page containing the image tag.

It is this information that LiquiFire uses to restrict use of a LiquiFire server by alien sites. To do this, LiquiFire must be presented with a list of server names (or URLs) for which requests are permitted. Once the list is complete, and host based security is enabled, any attempts to access LiquiFire via an image tag served by a server not listed will not be permitted. Operation is transparent when the request is made from a web browser, even under JavaScript control.

#### **Keyed Requests**

When requests are made from a non-browser environment – HTML e-mail, a Java applet, an application – the referrer information used in host based security is not present. In this case, an additional command must be added to the LiquiFire chain containing a key, unlocking LiquiFire for that request.

A unique key is created for each request to be made; keys are based on the image chain itself, and a 'secret' known to the LiquiFire owner. Keys may be created by using LiquiFire Configurator, or by implementing the algorithm available from LiquidPixels.

Let's look at a quick example of a keyed request. Suppose you wish to use LiquiFire to perform the following imaging manipulation:

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/cat.jpg] \& scale=geometry[200x200] \& sink
```

#### FIGURE 20. Simple Request

Attempting to make this request to a LiquiFire server configured to have key based security enabled will result in an access denied error. To unlock LiquiFire, we first must generate the key for this request via configurator. The resulting key might look like d409fb30 or UmFuZG9tsVowQPNcmpQy1SiDuszzKIci0+swsvhmpYY=, depending on the strength of the key you requested, a hash or cipher, respectively.

Once the key has been obtained, the request is slightly modified to include this additional information:

FIGURE 21. Simple, Authorized Request

The auth command may appear anywhere in the image chain. See "auth" on page 161.

## Cache

LiquiFire maintains two separate cache systems: an asset cache, for source images, fonts, profiles, and stored chains; and a render cache, for rendered images. Both caches perform the same basic function, to keep recently accessed data near-by such that subsequent accesses are as rapid as possible.

#### **Asset Cache**

When any asset is requested via URL in a command such as source or annotate, the asset is retrieved from the location specified and stored within the LiquiFire Asset Cache. Subsequent requests for the same asset will use this cached copy, saving the overhead of the network retrieval.

In clustered LiquiFire environments, this asset cache is automatically synchronized to appear as a single, unified, transparent cache. LiquiFire Orb can be used to remove individual items, flush the entire Asset Cache, or initiate validation of the cached data with the original remote assets. See page 51 for further information.

#### Render Cache

Similar to the Asset Cache, LiquiFire maintains a cache of all rendered images. This cache is used to accelerate repeat requests for a chain, serving the cached result rather than re-render the image. The decision to return a cached image is based on the request; requests must match *exactly* to cause a cached response to be used.

LiquiFire's Render Cache subsystem yields very high performance, and may be used as a mechanism to serve pseudo-static images – images which are dynamic, but which change infrequently – in a fashion akin to conventional batch processing.

LiquiFire Orb can be used to remove individual items, or flush the entire Render Cache. See page 49 for further information.

## CHAPTER 2 LiquiFire Configuration

LiquiFire is a complex environment. That said, there are only a few simple configuration aspects that need to be performed to bring a new server on line. In fact, aside from entering basic host information in the "LiquiFire: Host" pane on page 28, there is no additional required configuration necessary.

This chapter covers LiquiFire Orb, a Web-based tool used for LiquiFire configuration, maintainence, monitoring and access to other helpful tools.

## Clustering

LiquiFire can be installed as a single server, as multiple discrete servers, or as a *cluster* – a collection of servers working in concert as a single server.

Multiple LiquiFire servers, or *nodes*, can be assembled in many varying configurations, depending on the task or environment. While typical configurations of single servers as well as a cluster containing a single Master and one or more slaves, it is possible to configure complex cluster architectures.

Each LiquiFire server contains sevaral functional components. Nodes can be configured as a Master or Slave. Master nodes can perform image manipulations, but can additionally manage the other nodes in the cluster. Slave nodes perform as highly-efficient workers, operating to only perform rendering.

## Orb

LiquiFire Orb<sup>TM</sup> is a sophisticated web-based environment through which all aspects of LiquiFire operation may be controlled. All configuration, maintainence, and monitoring that is required to operate a single server or LiquiFire cluster environment can be performed from within LiquiFire Orb.

#### Starting Orb

LiquiFire Orb is accessed through any standard web browser at

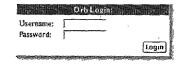
http://ipaddress:88/

where ipaddress is the ip address of your LiquiFire server. You will be presented with the LiquiFire login screen similar to Figure 22.

The name of the LiquiFire server you are accessing will appear below the Orb title, similar to the name 'LiquidPixels Public' is displayed in this example. If you have not yet configured the name of the server, nothing will be displayed.







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FIGURE 22. Orb Login

As shipped, Orb has a single account, with username liquifire, and password admin. Using Orb, both the username and password can be changed later. It is strongly recommended that the default username and password be changed at the earliest opportunity, to prevent unauthorized access to LiquiFire Orb. LiquiFire Orb will automatically require you to re-login after a certain amount of inactivity.

Once successfully logged in, you will be presented with the following screen:

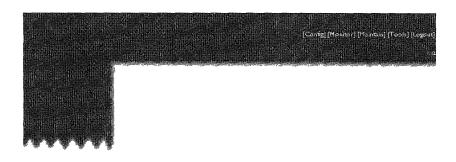


FIGURE 23. Orb Main Screen

The top right area of the Orb screen presents up to four sections, representing the four actions of Orb may be used to perform.

Section	Functions Within
Config	Functions relating to the core configuration of a LiquiFire server, cluster member, or whole cluster.
Monitor	Monitoring LiquiFire performance, activity, and behavior
Maintain	Allows manipulation of LiquiFire asset storage for artwork, fonts, and chains, as well as to query or clear the asset and render caches
Tools	Tools for chain development, foreign-characterset exploration, and chain cipher generation
Logout	Leaves LiquiFire Orb

The options available may be restricted, based on the access permissions for the particular Orb user. See "Administration: Users" on page 26 for further information about Orb accounts and access permissions.

## Configure

The configuration section is used to control overall LiquiFire operation. This includes Orb account administration, LiquiFire server configuration, Cluster member management, and Remote Access.

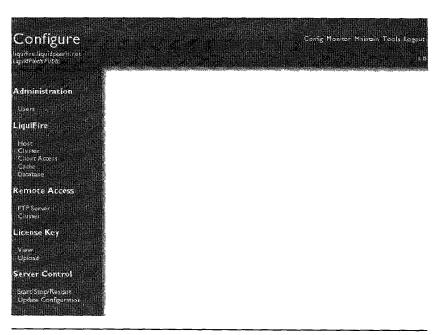


FIGURE 24. Configure Section

The Configure section controls five areas:

- Administration: Orb accounts and access permissions
- LiquiFire: detailed server, cluster, and database configuration
- Remote Access: control aspects of LiquiFire remote accessability
- License Key: view or update the current LiquiFire license key
- Server Control: Start, Restart, and Stop LiquiFire

If the LiquiFire server being configured is a *slave*, the Cluster option will not be displayed.

#### **Administration: Users**

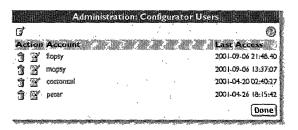


FIGURE 25. Administration: Users

As described above, LiquiFire Orb can be used for four purposes: Configuration, Monitoring, Maintainence, and Tools. The Users pane is used to Add, Edit, and Remove Orb users, each of which may be permitted to use all or some of the four sections.

The pane illustrated in Figure 25 lists the current set of Orb users. Adjacent to each listed account are action buttons, as well as the New Account and Help buttons at the top of the pane. This layout is used throughout Orb.

Command	Description
ø	New Account Add a new Orb account
	Edit Account Edits a Orb account
đ	Remove Account Removes a Orb account
<b>2</b>	Help

Clicking the New Account or Edit Account icon will display the edit pane, as illustrated in Figure 26. Here the username and password for a user may be entered or changed, as well as select which of the Orb sections will be accessable by the user.

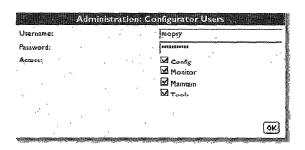


FIGURE 26. Administration: Users: Edit

The default user account, liquifire, has access to all four sections enabled. Be sure to maintain at least one account with configuration access, or you will be unable to make further changes.

## LiquiFire: Host

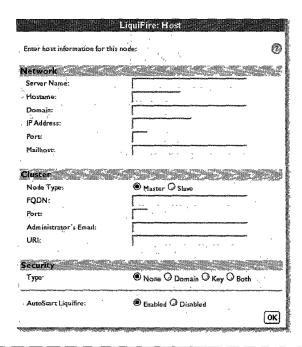


FIGURE 27. LiquiFire: Host

The Host pane is used to configure basic system and network settings for a LiquiFire node. It is devided into three sections: Network, allowing for basic host configuration, Cluster, describing aspects of the entire LiquiFire cluster, and Security, selecting which of the security modes should be active.

Field	Description
Server Name	This field determines the human-readable name for the server.  This name will be used to identify the server to the administrator within Orb, in diagnostic messages, and automated e-mail
Hostname	The network hostname of the node
Domain	The network domain of the node. For example, liquidpixels.net
IP Address	The IP address of the node
Port	The TCP/IP port on which the Rendering Engine should listen Typically 81, this should only be changed when complex server environments require.

Field	Description
Mailhost	The IP address for the SMTP mailhost LiquiFire should use to send email, when required.
Node Type	The node type, either Master or Slave.
	Nodes may be either Masters or Slaves. See page 22 for a detailed discussion of LiquiFire clustering. Single LiquiFire servers should choose Master; there must be at least one Master node in a cluster.
FQDN	The Fully-Qualified Domain Name for this node. This is the name by which users will access the LiquiFire cluster, as a single logical entity. For a single node, this is typically the combination of the Node Hostname and Node Domain, above. For clusters or other complex situations, such as where IP-Redirectors are used, this field may be different.
Port	The TCP/IP port on which the entire LiquiFire cluster should listen, typically 80
Administrator's Email	The email address to which LiquiFire will send email in situations where problems or other notification is required
URI	The URI to which LiquiFire commands will be made. This is a single word, following the domain name in an HTTP request, illustrated in green:
	http://liquifire.liquidpixels.net/image?
Security Type	Determines the security model to use when validating requests.
	See "Security" on page 17 for detailed information on LiquiFire security models.
Autostart LiquiFire	If enabled, LiquiFire and all its subsystems will be automatically started when the server is booted or rebooted.

#### LiquiFire: Cluster

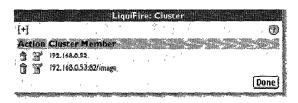


FIGURE 28. LiquiFire: Cluster

LiquiFire servers may be organized into a logical cooperative group called a *Cluster*. In a cluster, several nodes work in concert to share the overall burdon of creating, manipulating, and serving images. Clusters are managed by the Master node, and may have one or more slave nodes. On a Master node, this pane allows you to add, edit, or remove members from a cluster as slaves. The members you add may be either Masters or Slaves, according to your desired system design. See "Clustering" on page 22 for additional information on LiquiFire Clustering.

Note that each node added to a Master node must, in turn, have the Master node listed as an authorized Master. See "Remote Access: Cluster" on page 35 for additional information.

While you can add cluster members by either fully-qualified domain name, or by IP address, we recommend that you use IP addresses exclusively.

Members of the cluster may have differing port or URIs than the server to which they will be slaves. In these cases, enter the optional port or URI may be entered along with the IP address in the form ip:port/URI. For example, adding a member as 192.168.0.1:81/image specifies the slave at 192.168.0.1 be accessed via port 81 with the URI image.

Command	Description
	Add Member Add a new member to the cluster.
	Edit Member Change an existing cluster member
	Remove Member Remove a cluster member
3).	Help

#### LiquiFire: Client Access

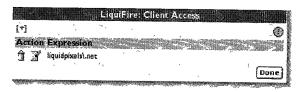


FIGURE 29. LiquiFire: Client Access

As described in "Referring Host" on page 17, one of the mechanisms available for authentication is to control access to a LiquiFire host by Referring Host. This approach requires a list of authorized referring hosts to be maintained.

This pane allows you to manage the list of authorized hosts, by expression <sup>1</sup>. Each expression in the list is checked against the referring host, and if a match against any is found, the request is allowed. An expression of liquidpixels.net, for example, would match www.liquidpixels.net as well as appletree.liquidpixels.net.

Command	Description
	Add an Expression Add a new access expression to the list.
	Edit Member Change an existing access expression
Î	Remove Member Remove an expression
	Help

<sup>1.</sup> Regular Expressions provide a general mechanism for describing patterns of characters to match. There are many good references on the Web containing detailed information.

#### LiquiFire: Cache

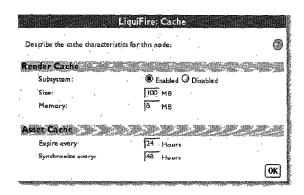


FIGURE 30. LiquiFire: Cache

This pane controls the aspects of the *Render Cache* described in "Cache" on page 19. Each image rendered by LiquiFire is maintained in a complex caching system, allowing repeat requests to be optimised.

Field	Description
Subsystem	Enables or Disables the render cache. The Render Cache must be enabled for Cluster configurations.
Size	Determines how much disk space should be allocated to caching result rendered images, typically 100MB.
Memory	Determines how much memory should be allocated to caching result rendered images, typically 8 MB. In situations where large numbers of requests will likely be made to recently rendered images, it may be desireable to increase this value.
Expire Every	The number of hours after which LiquiFire will contact the original host to verify the asset still exists and has not changed.
Synchronize Every	The number of hours after which LiquiFire will synchronize the Asset cache contents between members in the cluster.

#### LiquiFire: Database

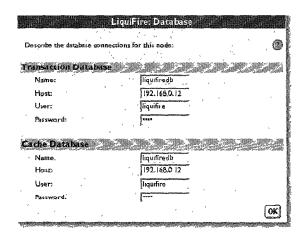


FIGURE 31. LiquiFire: Database

LiquiFire uses an internal database to manage many of its functions. In certain, specialized situations, it may be desirable to override the default database with which LiquiFire communicates for cache and transaction information. This pane allows you to specify settings for those communications.

Do not alter this information unless you know what you're doing.

Field	Description
Name	The database name in which transaction information is stored
Host	The hostname or IP-address of the server hosting the database
User	The database username
Password	The database password
Name	The database name in which cache information is stored
Host	The hostname or IP-address of the server hosting the database
User	The database username
Password	The database password

#### **Remote Access: FTP Server**

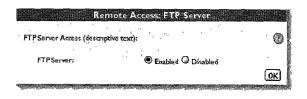


FIGURE 32. Remote Access: FTP Server

LiquiFire's local asset pool, conventionally managed by Orb as described in "Maintain" on page 45, may alternatively be access via FTP using any common FTP client.

Field	Description
FTP Server	If enabled, The LiquiFire asset pool may be accessed via FTP

#### **Remote Access: Cluster**

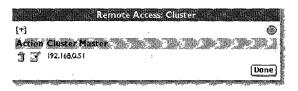


FIGURE 33. Remote Access: Cluster

This pane controls which nodes are authorized to communicate with this node. If a Master node lists this node as a member of a cluster, the slave node, in turn, must authorize connections by the master by listing it's hostname or IP-address here.

Command	Description
	Add a member Authorize a node to connect to the node as a Master
	Edit Member Change an existing member
	Remove Member Remove a member
3	Help

# License Key:View

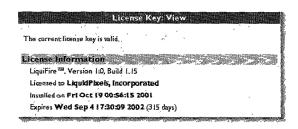


FIGURE 34. License Key: View

This pane displays characteristics of the current, active license key.

# License Key: Upload

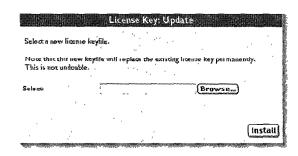
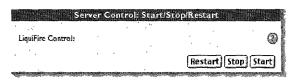


FIGURE 35. License Key: Upload

This pane allows for the installation of a new LiquiFire license key.

When a new key is available, typically sent by LiquidPixels to the customer via email, it can be simply installed via this pane.

#### Server Control: Start/Stop



Server Control: Start/Stop

When changes are made to LiquiFire's configuration, the running server must be restarted for those changes to take affect. This pane can additionally be used to stop the server completly, or start a stopped server.

Command	Description
Restart	Restarts the LiquiFire Server, incorporating any changes which have been updated in the configuration
Stop	Stops the LiquiFire Server
Start	Starts the LiquiFire Server

# Server Control: Update Config

Once changes to LiquiFire have been completed, the server's active configuration must be updated to reflect the changes. This pane performs that function, and will additionally eMail the current configuration to the server administrator.

# Monitoring

The monitoring section is used to observe and analyze overall LiquiFire performance. This includes overall system status, performance statistics, and requess access log.

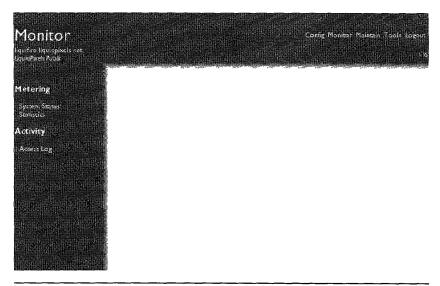


FIGURE 36. Monitor Section

LiquiFire Orb provides several tools which can be used to asses current or past performance of a LiquiFire server or cluster. These tools can be used to simply observe current activity, to analyze the detailed information LiquiFire maintains for each Job run, or to compute usage and performance statistics for a period of time.

Monitoring provides two areas:

- Metering: Monitor current performance and server characteristics
- Activity: Analyze detailed Job information

#### **Metering: System Status**

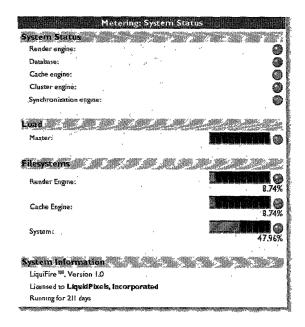


FIGURE 37. Metering: System Status

This pane, within its four sections, displays an overview of the LiquiFire system. Should any of the indicators change to yellow or red, contact LiquidPixels support.

Each of the five LiquiFire subsystems and their respective status, red or green, are displayed under the first section, System Status. Should a serious problem arise, it is possible that one or more of the subsystems will ceace to operate, and this information will be useful to pinpoint the problem area, in concert with LiquidPixels support.

Under the Load section, each member in the *Cluster* will be listed, along with an active bar-graph depicting the current server load for that node. These graphs are updated every 30 seconds, while this pane is displayed.

Disk space is monitored in the Filesystems section, with an active bar-graph for each of the active disk areas in use.

Finally the System Information section displays LiquiFire software version, Licensing information (and an expiry warning, as the end of a licence term draws near) as well as a count of server operating time.

#### **Metering: Statistics**

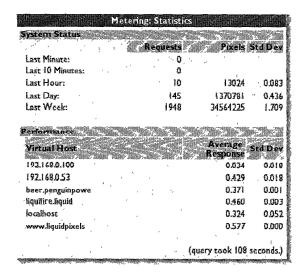


FIGURE 38. Metering Statistics

LiquiFire collects and maintains various statistics of it's performance during operation.

The top portion of this pane provides an overview of recent cluster performance. For each of five timeframes, this area indicates the number of rendering requests (which excludes any requests which are handled by the LiquiFire result cache), the number of pixels served, and the standard-deviation of response time. This last field can provide some overall feeling for performance; if this number becomes 'large' relative to it's value for all time, available in the lower portion of the pane, it may indicate larger-than-normal requests, or some other performance limiting behavior is occuring.

The lower portion of this pane provides performance metrics for a liquiFire cluster, broken down by virtual host. Each virtual host indicates the average render response time and standard-deviation for all time.

#### **Activity: Access Log**

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Date: (YYYY-MM-DD)		
LiquiFire Node:		
Client:		
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Max Entries:	ion .	

FIGURE 39. Activity: Access Log

LiquiFire maintains two logs: a simple log of each request, and detailed transaction information for each request. The simple request log is maintained indefinately, while the details are maintained for 24 hours. This pane provides access to this collection of information.

The pane above allows the user to select which elements of a log they wish to view. Each field is optional; multiple fields are combined as a logical AND. Strings and portions of strings may be entered in any field.

Once the form is submitted, LiquiFire Orb will present a pane containing a list of requests matching the criteria, as illustrated in Figure 40.

	Activio	/: Access Log	
job ID	Date	LiquiFire Node	Cllent
e300e239	2001-09-26 15:47:37	liquifire,liquid	192.1680.52
966   Jee9	2001-09-28 [4:05:34	liquifire.liquid	. 192.168.0.52
bc67c9∂f	2001-09-28 14:05:33	biopil.enihopil	192.168.0.52
5e5b9094	2001-09-28 14:05:30	hquifire.fiquid	192,168,0,52
c7ade2IO	2001-09-28 14:05:30	hquiire liquid	192,168,0.52
dee594d5	2001-09-28 14:05:30	liquifire_liquid	192.168.0.52
773a93aa	2001-09-28 14:05:28	lîquifire,liquid	192.168.0.52
Of If82cd	2001-09-28 14:05:27	liquifire.liquid	192.168.0.52
2322adii	2001-09-28 14:05:27	liquifire.liquid	192.168.0.52
747277A	7001 08 38 14-05-37	hamfine hanid	197 168.0 57

FIGURE 40. Activity: Access Log Request Listing

Each line represents a request to LiquiFire, and is displayed along with its JobID, the date and time of the request, the node within the cluster that handled the request, and the IP address of the client making the request. Clicking on the JobID of a request will display additional detailed information, as illustrated in Figure 41.

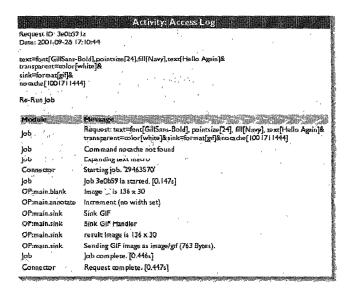


FIGURE 41. Activity: Access Log Details

This pane contains the request, JobID, Date and Time, and detailed execution information for each stage of processing.

#### Maintain

The maintain section provides a convinent and powerful interface to LiquiFire's resident asset and cache areas. Through this section, files within a LiquiFire server or cluster may be fully manipulated, including archiving and editing.

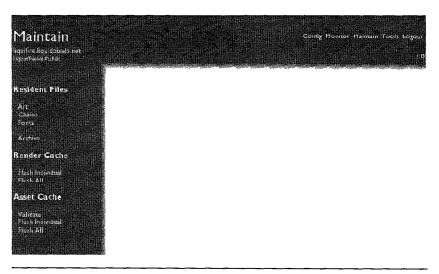


FIGURE 42. Maintain Section

LiquiFire Orb's Maintan section provides all tools necessary to navigate the resident files, to add, delete, rename, and view artwork, chains, and fonts.

Monitoring provides three areas:

- Resident Assets: Manage the LiquiFire resident assets
- Render Cache: Inspect or purge render cache items
- Asset Cache: Inspect or purge asset cache items

If the LiquiFire server is operating within a clustered environment, a fourth area appears:

• Cluster: Manages cluster member synchronization

#### **Resident Assets**

As with a typical filesystem, the LiquiFire asset pool can be organized via subdirectories, and provides typical file-manipulation tools such as rename, delete, view, upload, etc.

Within the Maintain section of Orb, the three Resident asset areas can be accessed by choosing the desired section. A typical view of the art section may present a pane similar to that in Figure 43.

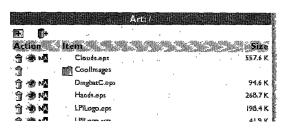


FIGURE 43. Resident Assets: Art

The top of the pane indicates which asset pool is being viewed, as well as the *path* or current folder; the root or '/' folder of the Art pool is being viewed above.

Above the list of files are displayed a suite of icons, representing the globally-accessable tools which may be used within this asset pool. The tools that may be available include:

Command	Description
Ē	New Folder Create a new Folder (directory) within the currently displayed Folder.
	New File Create a new, empty file within the currently displayed Folder. Blank files may be subsequently edited via the edit command, see below.
<b>(</b> +	Upload File Upload a file or zip archive into the asset pool. Single files are simply added to the asset pool within the current Folder; zip archives' contents are un-zipped after the archive is transferred to LiquiFire.

Beneath the column headings appear a list of files and folders, comprising the contents of the Asset pool being viewed. Just as the above commands apply generally to

the asset pool and Folder being viewed, the following commands apply specifically to the adjacent file. These commands include:

Command	Description
Û	Delete Clicking this icon will, after confirmation, remove the adjacent file permanently from the asset pool.
	View Display the item in the asset pool for inspection
NA	Rename Change the name of the item in the asset pool
≣*	Edit Edit the item in the asset pool

#### **Cluster: Synchronize**

When LiquiFire is operated as a cluster – cluster members have been added via "LiquiFire: Cluster" pane on page 30 – this pane becomes available.

This pane allows for manual invocation of the cluster member synchronization process, normally performed automatically by the LiquiFire master server on a periodic basis.

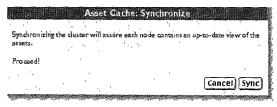


FIGURE 44. Asset Cache: Synchronize

Clicking the Sync button will initiate the cluster synchronization process. This process will assure that all cluster members have current copies of the most recent versions of any resident assets. Depending on the number of members in the cluster and the number of assets, this process may take some time to complete.

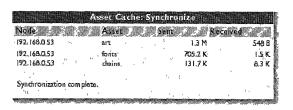


FIGURE 45. Asset Cache: Synchronize Complete

Upon completion, LiquiFire Orb will present the pane depicted in Figure 45, indicating which nodes participated in the synchronization process and how much data was transferred.

#### Render Cache: Flush Individual

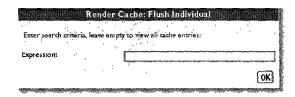


FIGURE 46. Render Cache: Flush Individual

As described in "Render Cache" on page 19, LiquiFire maintains a cached copy of each image it generates to increase performance. There may be situations where it is necessary to force LiquiFire to re-render an image within the *Render Cache*.

Selecting the *Flush Individual* menu item within LiquiFire Orb brings up the pane illustrated in Figure 46. This pane allows a LiquiFire user to query the render cache, based on a regular expression, and selectively re-render the selected image.

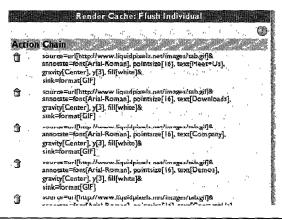


FIGURE 47. Render Cache: Flush Individual Item List

LiquiFire Orb will respond to the query by presenting a list of matching image chains which have corresponding rendered images currently resident in the Render Cache, similar to Figure 47. Clicking the delete icon 3 adjacent to a listed cache item will cause the currently stored rendered copy to be discarded and a new, fresh version to be generated in its place.

#### Render Cache: Flush All

The entire contents of the LiquiFire Render Cache may be permanently removed, in its entirety, via the *Flush All* command. After confirmation, LiquiFire Orb will remove the entire contents of the Render Cache. This process may take a moment to complete, during which time LiquiFire will be unavailable.

#### Asset Cache: Validate

As described in "Asset Cache" pane on page 19, LiquiFire maintains a cache of all assets requested via URL within an image chain. While LiquiFire will periodically (See "LiquiFire: Cache" on page 32.) validate the assets in cache against the original remote data, it may be necessary to initiate this process manually.

Selecting the Validate menu item under the Asset Cache section will initiate this background process.

#### **Asset Cache: Flush Individual**

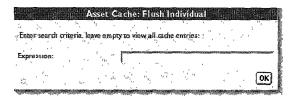


FIGURE 48. Asset Cache: Flush Individual

Similar to the Render Cache, selecting the *Flush Individual* menu item under the Asset Cache section within LiquiFire Orb brings up the pane illustrated in Figure 48. This pane allows a LiquiFire user to query the asset cache, based on a regular expression, and selectively remove the selected asset.



FIGURE 49. Asset Cache: Flush Individual Item List

LiquiFire Orb will respond to the query by presenting a list of matching assets (images, typefaces, color profiles, or chains) which are resident in the Asset Cache, similar to Figure 49. Clicking the delete icon ⓐ adjacent to a listed cache item will cause the currently stored copy to be discarded. Clicking the view icon ⑤ adjacent to a listed cache item will display that item.

#### **Asset Cache: Flush All**

The complete contents of the LiquiFire Asset Cache may be permanently removed, via the *Flush All* command under the Asset Cache section. After confirmation, LiquiFire Orb will remove the entire contents of the Asset Cache. This process may take a moment to complete.

### Tools

#### **Tools: Explorer**

LiquiFire Explorer provides a simple, yet powerful way to develop LiquiFire image chains within an assisted, interactive framework. As well, for efficiency, Explorer is integrated into other areas of Orb.

LiquiFire Explorer encompases only a single pane within Orb, illustrated in Figure 50:

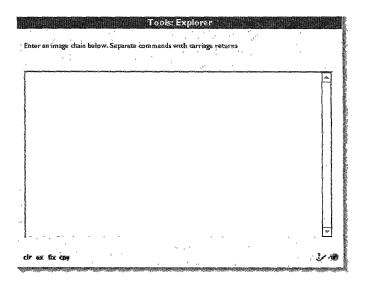


FIGURE 50. Tools: Explorer

Within this pane are two sections: A large text edit box, and a button bar, below. Image chain design and editing takes place within the edit box while the button bar encompases Explorer's command set. The commands available are:

Command	Description
cir	Ckear Clears the contents of the the chain design area
ex	Examples Presents the Asset pool Folder containing example chains
fix	Fixup  When pasting a chain from a web page into Explorer, this command can be used to convert the chain into an editable form, as well as to clean up common mistakes such as repeated & characters, etc.

Command	Description
сру	Copy Copies the chain in the design area into the 'chainboard'
pst	Paste Pastes the chain on the 'chainboard' into the design area
<b>₹</b>	Check Performs syntax checking and vaildation on the chain in the design area.
	View Submits the chain in the design area to the LiquiFire server (or cluster) configured in the Config area of LiquiFire Orb for preview.

Chains are entered into the design area as a list of separate commands, separated by carriage returns. It is unnecessary to perform any X-URL-ENCODING of the chain in the design area, as Explorer will properly escape the chain before submission to LiquiFire for rendering when View is selected. Figure 51 depicts a chain properly formed for Explorer.

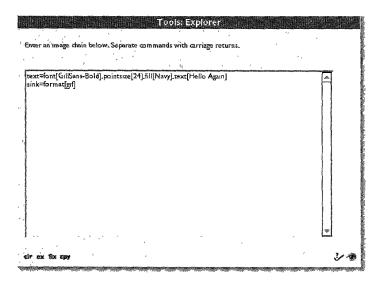


FIGURE 51. Example Explorer Chain

Notice in this example, the space in the text argument is written simply as a space, not as the X-URL-ENCODED \$20 or shorthand '+' – Explorer handles this translation for you automatically.

Clicking on the *View* icon will open a new browser window containing a rendered version of the chain in the design area, if successful, or an appropriate error message, if unsuccessful.



FIGURE 52. Explorer Preview Window

Clicking the *Check* icon  $\checkmark$  will open a new browser window containing a syntax-hilighted form of the chain in the design area, along with any detected syntax or validation errors detected. This can be immencely useful when developing image chains.





FIGURE 53. Explorer Check Windows

<sup>1.</sup> Using the *Preferences* menu item under the *Tools* view, you may optionally choose to have image previews appear in the same browser window as Explorer.

#### **Tools: Font Map**

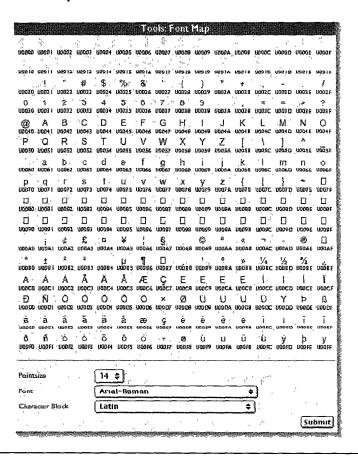


FIGURE 54. Tools: Font Map

LiquiFire allows for access to full font character sets via Unicode character expression. While this capability allows the user to express any character within a request, the vast Unicode character definitions still need to be known to properly identify the character desired.

The Font Map tool displays a specified section of the Unicode character definitions as a table of glyphs (characters), rendered in a specified installed typeface.

#### **Tools: Chain Cipher**

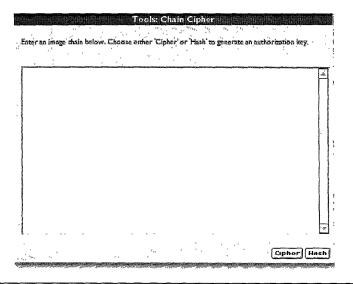


FIGURE 55. Tools: Chain Cipher

As discussed in "Security" on page 17, LiquiFire allows for two modes to restrict access to a LiquiFire server: Refering Host, and Keyed Requests. For the Keyed Requests method, each chain is augmented with a request-specific key, without which the request will not render. Further, since this key is generated from the request itself, any alterations made to the request will cause the chain to not render.

Within the Keyed Requests mechanism, there are two types of keys that may be generated. A simple hash and a more sophisticated cryptographical cipher. The cipher method is available for the truely paranoid.

This tool will generate the key for a particular image chain entered above. As in Explorer, chains are entered as separate lines.



FIGURE 56. Tools: Chain Cipher Hash

When either the Hash or Cipher buttons are pressed, as illustrated in Figure 56, an encoded version of the chain will appear in a new text area below the original chain within the pane. This new version will additionally have the proper key attached.

#### **Tools: Preferences**

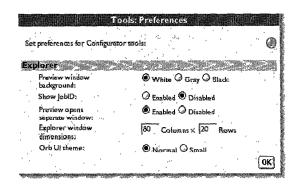


FIGURE 57. Tools: Preferences

LiquiFire Orb has a few preferences which may be controlled by each individual Orb user. These preferences are maintained via a browser cookie, and will be persistant within a particular browser as long as the cookie exists.

Field	Description
Preview window background	When developing image chains which result in transparent images, it may be desireable to control the background color on which the image is displayed. This option allows you to set the background color of the view window.
Show JobID	When debugging a complex chain, this option may be enabled to cause LiquiFire to render the Job ID onto the rendered image. This ID can then be used within the Access Log section within the Monitor view to see detailed job processing information.
Preview opens separate window	When enabled, LiquiFire Orb will display the rendered image in a new separate window.
Explorer window dimensions	Allows you to set the size of the Explorer pane's design area.
Orb UI Theme	Allows you to choose from any of the installed UI themes for the entire Orb environment.

# CHAPTER 3 Real World Examples

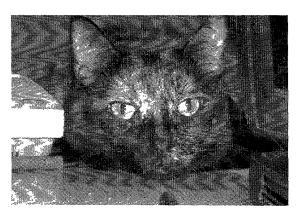
This chapter contains several complete examples of LiquiFire imaging, represented as HTTP requests.

They may be simply illustrative, or may serve as a starting point for further chain development and experimentation.

# Format Conversion

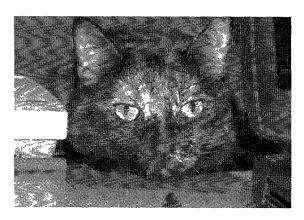
Using LiquiFire, a single image can easily be re-purposed on-demand. Here, the image, a JPEG on the server, is delivered as JPEG:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
sink=format[jpg]



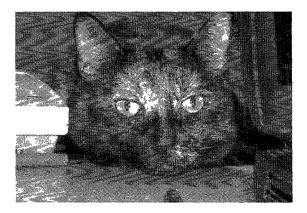
and now as GIF:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
sink=format[gif]



#### Some browsers can display BMP format images:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
sink=format[bmp]



And, as needs and formats evolve, re-purposing existing image assets is as simple as changing the URL. Formats like Adobe PDF, Group 3 Facsimile, and Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) are supported:

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
sink=format[pdf]

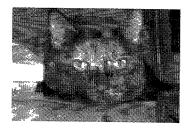
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
sink=format[g3fax]

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
scale=size[50%]&
sink=format[tiff]
```

# Image Scaling

The same high-resolution image asset can be presented as a scaled thumbnail:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[128]&
sink=format[jpg]



#### ...or as a tiny image icon:

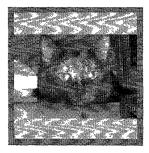
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[64]&
sink=format[jpg]



# Complex Scaling

Scaling in LiquiFire can be specified in several ways. Here, we use the 'fit to square' method, asking that the source image be scaled such that it fits exactly within a 128 × 128 pixel square. This approach allows images of any aspect-ratio to be easily handled, letting LiquiFire deal with the complex calculations necessary. And it's so simple to add a border too:

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
   name[img]&
scale=size[128]&
blank=width[128],height[128],color[grey80],name[bg]&
border=width[3],height[2],color[slateblue]&
composite=compose[Over],image[img],gravity[Center]&
sink=format[jpg]
```



#### Perhaps the thumbnail should be labeled:

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
    name[img]&
scale=size[128]&
blank=width[128],height[128],color[grey80],name[bg]&
border=width[2],height[2],color[slateblue]&
composite=compose[Over],image[img],gravity[Center]&
annotate=text[My+Kitty],font[Arial-Bold],
    pointsize[14],gravity[South],y[-5]&
sink=format[jpg]
```



And of course, the background could be an image as well:

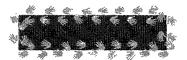
```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
   name[img]&
scale=size[128]&
border=width[2],height[2],color[black]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/SlideMount.jpg],
   name[mount]&
scale=size[200]&
composite=compose[Over],image[img],gravity[Center]&
annotate=text[My+Kitty],font[Arial-Bold],pointsize[14],
   gravity[South],y[-15]&
sink=format[jpg]
```



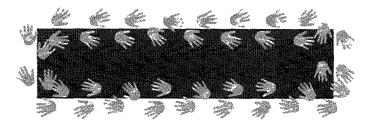
# Vector-based Formats

Source images in vector formats, such as Encapsulated PostScript (EPS), PostScript (PS), or Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) are supported by LiquiFire. Since the conversion to pixels is not done until a pixel-manipulation command is encountered, scaling or rotation can be done without introducing any artifacts, or jaggies, in the resulting image:

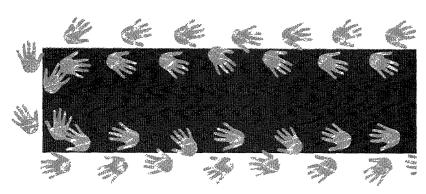
source=url[file:Hands.eps]&
sink=format[GIF]



source=url[file:Hands.eps]&
scale=size[200%]&
sink=format[GIF]



source=url[file:Hands.eps]&
scale=size[300%]&
sink=format[GIF]



# Dynamic Graphic Elements

By using LiquiFire to generate images on-demand, repetitive tasks are no longer needed, saving valuable time and resources. Changing design elements such as text, typeface, size, color, or position no longer requires a trip to an image editing package. Even foreign language translation is merely a URL change.

source=url[file:tab.eps]&
annotate=font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[9],text[Click+Me],
 gravity[Center],fill[black]&
sink=format[GIF]



source=url[file:tab.eps]&
annotate=font[Arial-Bold],pointsize[9],text[No+Me],
 gravity[Center],fill[black]&
sink=format[GIF]



source=url[file:tab.eps]&
hue=value[10]&
annotate=font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[9],text[Click+Me],
 gravity[Center],fill[black]&
sink=format[GIF]



source=url[file:tab.eps]&
hue=value[40]&
annotate=font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[9],text[Click+Me],
 gravity[Center],fill[black]&
sink=format[GIF]



# Complex Calculations

Here, a complex LiquiFire request is encapsulated in a stored chain (See "Stored Chains" on page 8.). This allows dynamic information such as the region, color, target date, and holiday to be specified in the URL, while maintaining the look and logic of the banner in a small file on your site:

```
set=key[a],value[nyc]&
set=key[color],value[aquamarine]&
set=key[date],value[2/14/2002]&
set=key[hday],value[Valentine's+Day]&
load=url[file:vdaybanneradj.saran]
```

(and the loaded file vdaybanneradj.saran contains:)

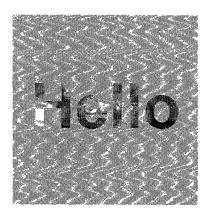
```
regexcase=key[global.a], cases[nyc|sfo|bos],
   values[nycbg.jpg|sfobg.jpg|bosbg.jpg],name[bg]&
regexcase=key[global.a], cases[nyc|sfo|bos],
   values[v1.gif|v2.gif|v1.gif], name[heart]&
regexcase=key[global.a], cases[nyc|sfo|bos],
   values[v1b.gif|v2b.gif|v2.gif],name[hearto]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/global.bg],
   name[bq]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/
global.heart],
   name[hon]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/
global.hearto],
   name[hoff]&
select=name[bg]&
fontmetrics=text[global.vday], font[Dominican], pointsize[36]
attribute=name[bg], key[delay], value[30]&
annotate=text[Only], font[Dominican], pointsize[22],
   fill[global.color],y[35],x[10]&
annotate=text[days+left+till+global.hday], font[Dominican],
   pointsize[22], fill[global.color], y[35], x[117]&
countdown=target[global.date], key[vday]&
annotate=text[global.vday], font[Dominican], pointsize[36],
   fill[global.color],y[36],x[(95-bg.metrics.x/2)]&
composite=compose[over],image[hoff],x[386]&
\verb|addframe=image[hon]|, \verb|delay[30]|, \verb|x[386]|, trans[$23000000] \& \\
optimize&
sink=format[gif],loop[forever]
```



# Complex Imaging

Complex imaging tasks are possible with LiquiFire, just as in any desktop imaging application. Here, a mask image is created from the word 'Hello,' through which the cat image is revealed:

```
blank=width[400],height[400],name[c],color[skyblue]&
text=text[Hello],pad[10],bgcolor[white],fill[black],
    font[Arial-Bold],pointsize[100],gravity[Center],name[t]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
    name[cat]&
scale=width[t.width],height[t.height]&
attribute=key[matte],value[true]&
composite=compose[replacematte],image[t]&
select=name[c]&
composite=compose[over],image[cat],x[(c.width/2-t.width/2)],
    y[(c.height/2-t.height/2)]&
sink
```



# Simple Text

While HTML formatting capabilities are limiting, LiquiFire can create graphic text elements on-demand, allowing your design intent – typeface, color, size – to be preserverd. All without the time and effort of creating a pile of graphics in a desktop application.

```
text=font[Aria1-Italic],pointsize[24],fill[DarkGreen],
    text[Hello+Again]&
sink=format[gif]
```

# Hello Again

Text can be rendered on a transparent background, if the format supports transparency:

```
text=font[Arial-Italic],pointsize[24],fill[DarkGreen],
    text[Hello+Again]&
transparent=color[%23FFFFFF]&
sink=format[gif]
```

# Hello Again

...any typeface, any size, any color:

```
text=font[Bud+Hand],pointsize[24],fill[DarkBlue],
    text[Hello+Again]&
sink=format[gif]
```

Hello Again

## Text can be aligned to an image:

blank=width[300],height[300],color[DarkBlue]&
annotate=font[Bud+Hand],pointsize[24],fill[Yellow],
 text[Hello+Again],gravity[East]&
sink=format[gif]



...or fit to the size of an image:

blank=width[300],height[300],color[DarkBlue]&
annotate=font[Bud+Hand],pointsize[Fit],fill[Yellow],
 text[Hello+Again]&
sink=format[gif]



# **CHAPTER 4**

# **Base Command Set**

# Source Commands

## blank

## Aliases

new

## Description

Creates a new image and adds it to the image pool. A new, solid image is created at the size specified, filled with the specified background color.

## Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
name	string	Optional.
		The name of the image within the image pool. If omitted, the images is assumed to be the current image.
width	number	Required.
		The width, in pixels, of the new image
height	number	Required.
		The height, in pixels, of the new image
color	color	Default: white
		The color for the new image

# Example

blank=width[100],height[50],color[DarkBlue]&
sink=format[gif]

#### source

#### Aliases

src

#### Description

Acquires an image from the specified source and places it in the image pool for use later in a request. Images may be acquired from any of the supported sources, and may be in any of the supported formats.

Images can be acquired from http://, ftp://, or file: sources. Images retrieved from remote sources are cached within LiquiFire.

Images are maintained in LiquiFire's cache once retrieved; caching can be prevented by specifying the nocache[true] argument to the source command. Cache characteristics can be adjusted via the LiquiFire Orb. See "LiquiFire: Cache" on page 32.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
url		Required.
		Describes the source for the image data.
		URLs can be any valid form for the method indicated. For HTTP or FTP, username and password may be supplied, if required as illustrated in the examples below
name	string	Optional.
		The name of the image within the image pool. If omitted, the images is assumed to be the current image.
nocache	truelfalse	Default: False
		If True, the image is not stored in the LiquiFire caching system and will subsequently re-retrieved from the url specified in later requests.

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/TestImages/truff.jpg]&
sink

Images may be directly retrieved from an FTP server, as well. In this example, the user auser and password mypassword are used to access the FTP server at ftp.liquidpixels.net.

source=url[ftp://auser:mypassword@ftp.liquidpixels.net/
 TestImages/Erika.jpg]&
scale=size[400]&
sink

#### select

## Description

Makes the named image the current image ('\_\_'), replacing the previous current image. Can also be used to select a single frame from a multiple-frame image for manipulation.

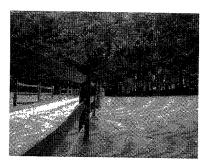
#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
name	string	Required.
		The name of the image within the image pool to be selected as the current image.
frame	number	Optional.
		If specified, the frame indicated is identified as the active frame, and will solely be affected by subsequent image manipulations. To re-select the entire image, use the select command without the frame argument specified. Frames are counted from 0.

#### Example

We add 2 images into the image pool. First, a large TIFF image, Fence.tif (3340 × 2259; 22.6MB) given the name 'fence', and second a JFIF image, truff.jpg, which is left unnamed (as the current image). The select command makes the Fence.tif image the current image allowing the subsequent scale and sink commands to operate on it.

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/Fence.tif],
 name[fence]&
source=url[file:/home/marcs/TestImages/truff.jpg]&
select=name[fence]&
scale=size[300x300]&
sink=format[jpeg]



## Example

Given an eight frame GIF-89 (animated GIF) image, select and display frame number 2. Notice that while selecting a frame from an image, the image name must be supplied:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/TestImages/colors.gif]&
select=name[\_],frame[2]&
sink=format[gif]



# Sink Commands

#### sink

#### Description

Sends the resulting image to the caller.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
format	any format	Default: JPEG (JFIF).
	supported by LiquiFire	Determines the format of the returned image.
quality	number	Optional for JPEG-compressed formats only.
		Determines the JPEG 'Q' setting
loop	number	Optional for GIF-89.
		Sets the number of loops for animated GIF (GIF-89) images

#### Example

The sink command directs LiquiFire to send the image to the client. In the 5 following examples, the request is identical except the sink command, with the sink command used for each image printed below the result.

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/Fence.tif],
 name[fence]&
scale=size[600x600]&
sink=format[jpeg],quality[5]



sink=format[jpeg],quality[5]
13,164 bytes



sink=format[jpeg],quality[25]
26,910 bytes



sink=format[jpeg],quality[50]
40,155 bytes



sink=format[jpeg],quality[100]
363,280 bytes



sink=format[gif]
171,255 bytes

# Imaging Commands

## addframe

## Description

Adds the specified image as a new frame of the current image. The sub-image location, disposal, transparency, and delay characteristics for the added frame can be controlled via optional arguments.

## Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
image	string	Required.
		The name of the image in the pool to add as a new frame
x	number	Required.
		The horizontal location of the top corner of the new frame, relative to the current image's left edge
у	number	Required.
		The vertical location of the top corner of the new frame, relative to the current image's top edge
trans	color	Optional for GIF-89 and PNG
		If specified, the color is treated as transparent
delay	number	Optional for GIF-89 and PNG
		Determines the delay in tenths of seconds between frames when the image is viewed as an animation.
dispose	nonelasisl	Default: asis for GIF-89
	backgroundl previous	Determines the GIF disposal method after the frame is displayed.
		asis: the frame stays in place after display background: the frame is treated as the background for the subsequent frame previous: the previous frame is displayed after this one none: unspecified; continuous animation frame

#### Example

In this example, we will create a simple four frame animation. On a black background image, we will add three frames, each at a new location. The disposal is set to background, causing the black background to be the basis for subsequent frames, rather than leaving the frame in place.

blank=width[100],height[100],color[black],name[bg]&blank=width[50],height[50],color[red],name[r]&blank=width[50],height[50],color[green],name[g]&blank=width[50],height[50],color[blue],name[b]&select=name[bg]&attribute=name[bg],key[delay],value[70]&addframe=image[r],delay[10],x[0],y[25],dispose[background]&addframe=image[g],delay[10],x[25],y[25],dispose[background]&addframe=image[b],delay[10],x[50],y[25],dispose[background]&coptimize&sink=format[gif],loop[forever]









frame 1

frame 2

frame 3

frame 4

## addprofile

#### Description

Embed or apply an ICC Color profile to an image.

If the image does not contain an embedded color profile, addprofile will mark the image with the source profile specified. If a profile is embedded, addprofile will perform the color transformation into the result colorspace specified by the profile given, and embed the profile in the image.

## Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
url	url	Required.
		The url of the ICC profile to add.
		Color profiles referenced with the file: method must reside within the art directory on LiquiFire. See "Resident Assets" on page 46.
intent	Saturation	Optional.
	Perceptuali Absolutel Relative	If present, instructs the color management engine as to the color matching intent desired.

## Example

Certain file formats can represent images in colorspaces which are unsuitable for output. For example, JFIF images can be represented in CMYK colorspace, resulting in strange patterns if displayed on a web browser. By embedding a CMYK colorspace source profile and adding a suitable RGB colorspace profile, the image can be displayed.

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/colors.jpg]
addprofile=url[file:profiles/GenericCMYK.icm]
addprofile=url[file:profiles/sRGB.icm]
sink
```

#### See

"removeprofile" on page 131.

# alphafill

## Description

Fill a region of an image's alpha channel. Since alpha channels are monochrome, the channel is filled with the intensity of the color specified.

# Arguments

Туре	Description
number	Required.
	The horizontal location at which to begin pouring ink.
number	Required.
	The vertical location at which to begin pouring ink.
color	Required.
	The color to flood the image.
	number

## Example

See "fill" on page 114.

#### annotate

## Description

Draw text on an image.

Text may contain Unicode characters, expressed as Unnnn, where nnnn is a valid Unicode character value, or as extended characters, expressed as \nnn, where nnn is a valid ascii-extended character code. Unicode character codes may be explored using the *Font Map* tool in LiquiFire Orb.

Multiple lines may be imaged together; line breaks may be expressed by  $\n$  within the text.

Additional typefaces can be added to LiquiFire via FTP or LiquiFire Orb, or via URL.

## Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
text	string	Required.
		The text to be imaged
font	fontname	Required.
		The name or URL of the typeface in which to image the text. If a URL is provided, the typeface is retrieved and cached in the LiquiFire asset pool.
pointsize	numberlfit	Required.
		Either the size, in points, of the text to be rendered. or the keyword fit, indicating the text size should be chosen such that the text fits within the size of the current image. Additionally, width and height can be specified to specify alternative boundaries to the pointsize.
stroke	color	Optional.
		If present, the text is outlined in this color.
fill	color	Default: Black.
		Determines the color for the text
box	color	Optional.
		If present, fills behind the text with a solid box in the specified color

Argument	Туре	Description
gravity	NorthWestl NorthI NorthEastl Eastl SouthEastl SouthI SouthWestl Westl Center	Optional.  Determines the origin from which the baseline of the text is positioned, relative to the current image '_'.
alignto	TopLeftl TopCenterl TopRightl Leftl Centerl Rightl BottomLeftl BottomCente rl BottomRight	Optional.  If present, along with x and y arguments, the text is aligned at the point specified, aligned as specified to that point.
x	number	The horizontal offset for the text baseline. If a gravity is specified, the origin for x and y is based on that location. Otherwise x and y specify absolute location within the image
y	number	The vertical offset for the text baseline. See x for details.
width	number	Optional.
		If pointsize is fit and this argument is present, the pointsize is selected such that the rendered text is no wider than width pixels.
height	number	Optional.
		If pointsize is fit and this argument is present, the pointsize is selected such that the rendered text is no taller than height pixels.
rotate	number	Optional.
		If present, text will be drawn rotated the specified number of degrees clockwise.

## Example

A simple example: Notice the text is barely visible at the top-left of the image. Since no x, y, or gravity was specified, the baseline of the text is located at 0,0 - resulting in only the portion of the text below the baseline to be visible. The baseline's position within a typeface is determined by the typographer.

```
blank=width[50], height[50]&
annotate=text[Hello], font[Arial-Roman], pointsize[12], y[10]&
sink
```

## Hello

#### Example

With the addition of the gravity argument, the text is centered within the image.

```
blank=width[50],height[50]&
annotate=text[Hello],font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[12],
    gravity[Center]&
sink
```

## Hello

#### Example

Text can be rendered at any angle. Here, we anchor the coordinates to the top center of the image with the gravity argument, then shift the text downward by 10 pixels with the y argument:

```
blank=width[50],height[50]&
annotate=text[Hello],font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[12],
    gravity[North],rotate[45],y[10]&
sink
```



#### attribute

#### Description

Sets (or clears) an image-metadata value. See Appendix, "Image Metadata Fields" on page 191 for a list of image-metadata fields and their semantics.

## Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
key	string	Required.
		The name of the metadata field to be adjusted
value	any	Optional.
		If present, contains the new value for the field specified. If omitted, the contents of the field are cleared to the default value specific to the field.
name	string	Optional.
		If present, the attributes of the named image are altered.

## Example

The attribute command is used here to set the inter-frame delay for the newly created background image to 30 tenths of a second.

```
blank=width[50],height[50],color[black],name[bg]&
blank=width[25],height[25],color[red],name[r]&
select=name[bg]&
attribute=name[bg],key[delay],value[30]&
addframe=image[r],delay[30],x[12],y[12]&
optimize&
sink=format[gif],loop[forever]
```



frame 1



frame 2

## bevel

## Description

Applies a bevel effect to the edges of the image.

## Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
width	number	Default: 5
		The width, in pixels, of the left and right bevel edges
height	number	Default: 5
		The height, in pixels, of the top and bottom bevel edges
raise	Boolean	Default: false
		If true, shading on the bevel's edges is chosen to produce a raised appearance. Otherwise, a sunken bevel appearance is used.

#### Example

Some variations on the below example appear in the following table.

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/TestImages/truff.jpg] & scale=size[300x300] & bevel & sink

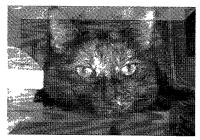






bevel=raise[true]

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bevel=raise[true],height[20],width[20]

## blur

## Description

Blurs an image using a speed-optimized Gaussian blur. See "gblur" on page 123.

## Arguments

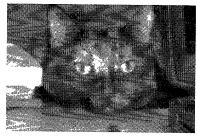
Argument	Туре	Description
width	number	Required.
		The extent of the blurring from any point.
sigma	number	Default: 1.0
		The amount of blurring to apply.

## Example

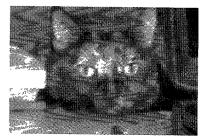
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/TestImages/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[300x300]&
blur=width[2],sigma[1.0]&
sink



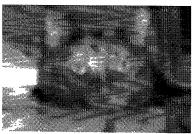
unfiltered



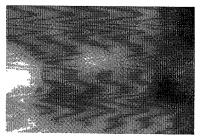
blur=width[2],sigma[1.0]



blur=width[4],sigma[1.0]



blur=width[6],sigma[3]



blur=width[20],sigma[20]

## border

## Description

Applies a solid or tiled border to an image.

## Arguments

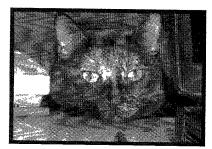
Argument	Туре	Description				
width	number	Required.				
		The width, in pixels, of the border				
height	number	Required.				
		The height, in pixels, of the border				
color	color	Default: white				
		The color of the border. See Appendix B: Color Name Definitions for defined color names.				

## Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/TestImages/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[300x300]&
border&
sink

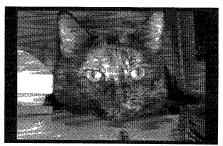


border=width[5],height[5]



border=color[DarkBlue],
 width[5],height[5]

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border=color[DarkBlue], width[20],
 height[5]

## brightness

## Description

Adjusts brightness of an image

## Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description			
value	number	Required.			
		The amount of brightness adjustment to apply. Brightness is represented as a percentage; brightness of 0 renders the image black, 100 results in no-change, and values greater than 100 increase brightness.			

## Example

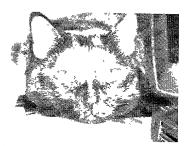
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/~marcs/TestImages/
truff.jpg]&
scale=size[300x300]&
brightness=value[50]&
sink=quality[100]



brightness=value[50]



brightness=value[120]



brightness=value[300]

#### colorize

#### Description

Tints the image with the color specified.

## Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description			
fill	color	Required.			
		The color with which to tint the image.			
opacity	number	Default: 100			
		Determines the amount of colorization to occur. Lower values permit most of the original image to show through, while higher values result in an image approaching a solid fill color.			

#### Example

Colorize can be used as a special effect. Here, the fence image is colorized 25% with a strong blue tint:

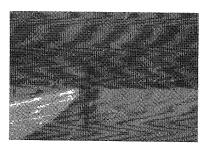
 $source=url\,[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/Fence.tif]\&\ colorize=fill\,[blue], opacity[25]\&\ sink$ 



## Example

Colorize can also be used to tint monochrome images. By first changing this image to grayscale by decreasing the saturation to 1, then applying a brown tint with colorize, we achieve the Sepiatone effect of aged photographs.

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/Fence.tif]
saturation=value[1]
colorize=fill[tan3],opacity[35]
sink



## composite

## Description

Composition, or layering, allows two images to be combined together. Two images are involved in composition: the current image and a new source image (the layered image) specified by the image argument. During the composition process, alpha channels (transparency information) in both the current image and the layered image may be involved in the combination process, depending on which compose operator is used.

The two images are combined, pixel by pixel, according to the specific compose operator specified. The over compose operator is probably most commonly used; it performs image layering, blending the layered image to the current image based on the current image's alpha channel.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description				
compose	OverlXorl	Required.				
	Add Subtract	The type of composition to perform.				
	Bumpmapl	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1				
	Replacel					
	ReplaceRed					
	ReplaceGreen					
	ReplaceBluel ReplaceAlphal					
	Blend					
	Displace					
image	string	Required.				
		The name of the image in the image pool to use as the layered image.				

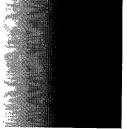
Argument	Туре	Description			
x	number	Optional.			
		The horizontal offset, in pixels, of the layered image relative to the left edge of the current image.			
y	number	Optional.			
		The vertical offset, in pixels, of the layered image relative to the rop edge of the current image.			
gravity	NorthWestl North! NorthEastl Eastl SouthEastl Southl SouthWestl WestlCenter	Optional.			
		Determines the origin from which the origin of the composite image is positioned, relative to the current image '_'.			
opacity	number	Optional. [nyi]			
		Percentage of opacity to use during composition.			

## Examples

In the following examples, these two images and corresponding alpha channels are used:



Layered Image



Layered Image's Alpha Channel

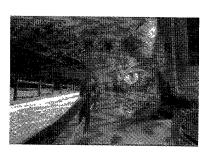


Current Image



Current Image's Alpha Channel

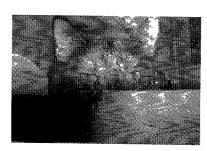
These sample images are composited together below using the indicated compose operator.



#### Over

Renders the layered image, masked by the layered image's inverted alpha channel, layered with the current image, masked by the layered image's alpha channel

```
red = ( L[r] * (255 - L[\alpha]) + C[r] * L[\alpha] ) * 1/255 green = ( L[g] * (255 - L[\alpha]) + C[g] * L[\alpha] ) * 1/255 blue = ( L[b] * (255 - L[\alpha]) + C[b] * L[\alpha] ) * 1/255 alpha = ( L[a] * (255 - L[\alpha]) + C[a] * L[\alpha] ) * 1/255
```



#### Atop

Renders the layered image masked by the current image's alpha channel, combined with the current image, masked by the layered image's alpha

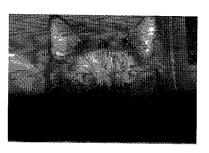
```
red = ( L[r] * C[\alpha] + C[r] * ( 255 - L[\alpha] ) ) * 1/255 green = ( L[g] * C[\alpha] + C[g] * ( 255 - L[\alpha] ) ) * 1/255 blue = ( L[b] * C[\alpha] + C[b] * ( 255 - L[\alpha] ) ) * 1/255 alpha = ( L[\alpha] * C[\alpha] + C[\alpha] * ( 255 - L[\alpha] ) ) * 1/255
```



## In

Renders the layered image, masked by the current image's alpha channel

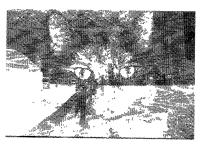
red	=	L[r]	*	(255	-	$C[\alpha]$ )	*	1/255
green	=	L[g]	*	(255	_	$C[\alpha]$ )	*	1/255
blue	=	L[b]	*	(255	-	$C[\alpha]$ )	*	1/255
alpha	=	L[a]	*	(255	_	c(\alpha1)	*	1/255



#### Out

Displays the layered image, masked by the current image's inverted alpha channel

```
red = ( L[r] * C[\alpha] ) * 1/255
green = ( L[g] * C[\alpha] ) * 1/255
blue = ( L[b] * C[\alpha] ) * 1/255
alpha = ( L[a] * C[\alpha] ) * 1/255
```



## red = L[r] + C[r]green = L[g] + C[g]blue = L[b] + C[b]alpha = $L[\alpha] + C[\alpha]$

#### Plus

Renders the layered image arithmetically added to the current image. Channel values exceeding the allowed range are clipped to the maximum allowable level.

(pixel values are clipped)

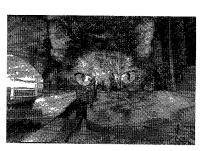


## red = L[r] - C[r]green = L[g] - C[g]blue = L[b] - C[b]alpha = $L[\alpha] - C[\alpha]$

#### Minus

Renders the layered image arithmetically subtracted from the current image. Negative channel values are set to zero.

(pixel values are clipped)



#### Difference

Renders the arithmetic difference (absolute value of the difference) between the current image and the layered image.

```
red = absolute( L[r] - C[r] )

green = absolute( L[g] - C[g] )

blue = absolute( L[b] - C[b] )

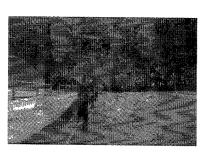
alpha = absolute( L[\alpha] - C[\alpha] )
```



#### Xor

Renders the layered image masked by the current image's alpha channel with the current image masked by the layered image's alpha channel.

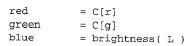
```
red = ( L[r] * C[\alpha] + C[r] * L[\alpha] ) * 1/255
green = ( L[r] * C[\alpha] + C[r] * L[\alpha] ) * 1/255
blue = ( L[r] * C[\alpha] + C[r] * L[\alpha] ) * 1/255
alpha = ( L[r] * C[\alpha] + C[r] * L[\alpha] ) * 1/255
```



## red = brightness( L ) green = C[g]

blue = C[b]

# red = C[r] green = brightness(L) blue = C[b]



#### ReplaceRed

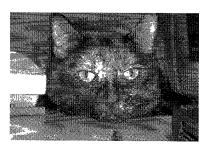
Replaces the current image's red channel with the brightness of the layered image.

#### ReplaceGreen

Replaces the current image's green channel with the brightness of the layered image.

#### ReplaceBlue

Replaces the current image's blue channel with the brightness of the layered image.



# red = C[r] green = C[g] blue = C[b]

alpha = brightness( L )

#### ReplaceAlpha

Replaces the current image's alpha channel with the brightness of the layered image. (no visible change)

#### contrast

#### Description

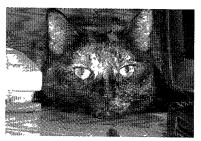
Perform automatic image contrast optimization.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
increase	truelfalse	Default: True.
		If true, the contrast is increased. If false, the contrast is decreased.







contrast=increase[true]

#### crop

#### Description

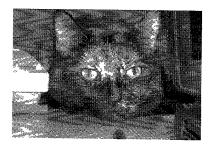
Crop an image

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
width	number	Optional.
		Width, in pixels, of the image region to preserve. If omitted, the area from the horizontal offset x to the right edge of the image is preserved.
height	number	Optional.
		Height, in pixels, of the image region to preserve. If omitted, the area from the vertical offset y to the bottom edge of the image is preserved.
X	number	Default: 0
		Horizontal offset, in pixels, from the left edge of the image where cropping will begin. Any image area to the right of this value is preserved.
у	number	Default: 0
		Vertical offset, in pixels, from the top edge of the image where cropping will begin. Any image area below this value is preserved.

#### Example

The original image:



## Cropping 60 pixels from all sides, results in:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
crop=x[60],y[60],width[(a.width-120)],
 height[(a.height-120)]&
sink



#### double

#### Description

Double the size of an image via linear interpolation. Linear interpolation is high speed, mediocre quality. See scale on page 137 for higher-quality alternatives.

#### Arguments

none

#### draw

#### Description

Draw arbitrary line-graphics onto an image.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Descripti	on
primitive	linel	Required.	
	rectanglel arclellipsel circlel polylinel polygonl bezierl color	The name o	of the graphic element to draw.
points	pointlist	Required.	
		primitive se	arated list of points appropriate for the elected. Multiple instances of the same an be imaged by specifying multiple sets of a contract of the same are the same
		Line:	Sequence of x,y pairs
		Rectangle:	Left, Top, Right, Bottom
		Arc:	Start <sub>x</sub> Start <sub>y</sub> , End <sub>x</sub> , Endy, Bias <sub>start</sub> , Bias <sub>end</sub>
		Ellipse:	Center x,y, x radius, y radius, start angle, end angle
		Circle:	Center <sub>x</sub> , Center <sub>y</sub> , Point <sub>x</sub> , Point <sub>y</sub>
		Polyline:	Sequence of x,y points
		Polygon:	Sequence of x, y points. Polygons are closed polylines.
		Bezier:	4 pairs of points, defining start, control <sub>1</sub> , control <sub>2</sub> , and end
stroke	color	Stroke colo	r
fill	color	Fill color	
tile	string	Optional.	
		Name of an when drawi	image in the image pool to use as a patterning.
swidth	number	Optional.	
		width, in pi	ixels, of strokes

Argument	Туре	Description
translate	pointlist	Optional.
		X, Y offset at which drawing begins.
scale	number	Optional.
		If present, coordinates in drawing operations are scaled by this factor.
rotate	number	Optional.
		If present, drawing operations are rotated counterclockwise.
skewx	number	Optional.
		If present, drawing operations are skewed in the horizontal direction
skewy	number	Optional.
		If present, drawing operations are skewed in the vertical direction

#### Example

#### A few lines:

```
blank=width[300],height[200]&
draw=primitive[line],points[20+50+280+50],stroke[black]&
draw=primitive[line],points[20+70+280+70],stroke[red]&
draw=primitive[line],points[20+90+280+90],
    stroke[purple],swidth[10]&
sink
```

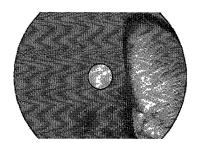
#### Arcs:

blank=width[300],height[200]&
draw=primitive[arc],points[150+100+50+70+50+50],
 stroke[black],swidth[2]&
draw=primitive[arc],points[150+100+200+90+20+20],
 stroke[darkgreen],swidth[2]&
draw=primitive[arc],points[150+100+200+40+40+20],
 stroke[purple],swidth[3]&
sink



#### Circles:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
 name[cat]&
blank=width[300],height[200]&
draw=primitive[circle],points[150+100+10+100],
 stroke[black],swidth[2],tile[cat]&
draw=primitive[circle],points[150+100+170+100],
 stroke[black],swidth[2],fill[gray80]&
sink=format[gif]



#### ellipses:

blank=width[300], height[200]&
draw=primitive[ellipse], points[150+100+60+70+0+360],
 stroke[black], swidth[2], fill[gray80]&
draw=primitive[ellipse], points[150+100+60+70+290+360],
 stroke[black], swidth[2]&
draw=primitive[ellipse], points[130+70+15+10+0+360],
 stroke[darkgreen], swidth[2], fill[lavender]&
draw=primitive[ellipse], points[170+70+15+10+0+360],
 stroke[darkgreen], swidth[2], fill[lavender]&
draw=primitive[ellipse], points[150+120+40+25+0+180],
 stroke[purple], swidth[3]&
sink=format[gif]



#### Affine Transformations:

```
blank=width[300],height[200]&
draw=primitive[ellipse],points[150+100+60+70+0+360],
    stroke[black],swidth[2],fill[gray80],rotate[30],
    translate[50+-50]&
draw=primitive[ellipse],points[130+70+15+10+0+360],
    stroke[darkgreen],swidth[2],fill[lavender],rotate[30],
    translate[50+-50]&
draw=primitive[ellipse],points[170+70+15+10+0+360],
    stroke[darkgreen],swidth[2],fill[lavender],rotate[30],
    translate[50+-50]&
draw=primitive[ellipse],points[150+120+40+25+0+180],
    stroke[purple],swidth[3],rotate[30],translate[50+-50]&
sink=format[gif]
```



#### fill

#### Description

Fill a region of an image to the nearest image border.

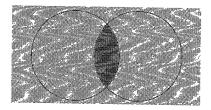
#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
х	number	Required.
		The horizontal location at which to begin pouring ink.
у	number	Required.
		The vertical location at which to begin pouring ink.
color	color	Required.
		The color to flood the image.

#### Example

While the draw command provides powerful drawing primitives including control over fill and stroke color, there are times when areas of an image must be painted by alternative means. Here, two interlocking circles form a shape which is filled with the fill command.

blank=width[300],height[150],color[skyblue]
draw=primitive[Circle],points[100+75+30+75],swidth[1],stroke[black]
draw=primitive[Circle],points[200+75+270+75],swidth[1],stroke[black]
fill=x[150],y[75],color[Red]
sink=format[gif]



#### filter

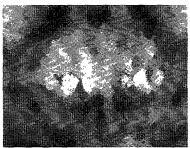
#### Description

Process an image through an image filter or special effect.

Additional filters can be added to LiquiFire.

#### Arguments

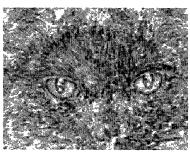
Argument	Туре	Description
effect	denoisel despecklel embossl enhancel equalizel implodel invertl noisel normalizel paintl shadel sketchl solarizel spreadl swirl wave	Required. The name of the filter to be applied.
level	number	Required.  Determines the strength of the effect. This value has differing meanings for each filter. See Appendix, "Filter Control Values" on page 189 for specific filter semantics.
alpha	number	Optional for certain effects.
		This value has differing meanings for each filter. See Appendix, "Filter Control Values" on page 189 for specific filter semantics.
beta	number	Optional for certain effects.
		This value has differing meanings for each filter. See Appendix, "Filter Control Values" on page 189 for specific filter semantics.



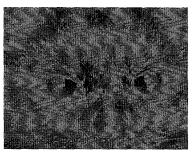
filter=effect[Paint],level[3]



filter=effect[shade],
 level[15],alpha[270]



filter=effect[sketch],level[10]



filter=effect[solarize],
 level[50]

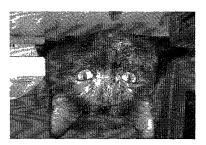
#### flipx

#### Description

Mirror an image along its X axis; vertically flip the image, top to bottom.

#### Arguments

none



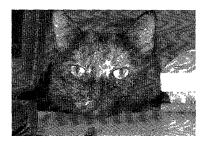
#### flipy

#### Description

Mirror an image along its Y axis; horizontally flip the image, left to right.

#### Arguments

none



#### frame

#### Description

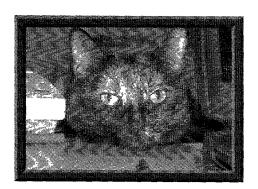
Create a beveled frame around an image, increasing the size of the image buy the size of the frame.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
width	number	Default: 15
		Overall combined width, in pixels of each of the three bevel components
height	number	Default: 15
		Overall combined height, in pixels of each of the three bevel components
inner	number	Default: 5
		Number of pixels used for the lighter inner bevel
outer	number	Default: 5
		Number of pixels used for the darker inner bevel
color	color	Default: gray70
		Color of the frame

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
frame=width[20],height[20],color[blue]&
sink



#### grid

#### Description

Draw a grid of lines on an image.

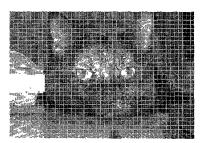
Grid spacing, color, thickness, and position can all be controlled.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Desctiption
step	number	Default: 10
		If present, determines the spacing between the grid lines in both the vertical and horizontal direction.
xstep	number	Optional.
		If present, independently determines the spacing between the vertical grid lines. Overrides step.
ystep	number	Optional.
		If present, independantly determines the spacing between the horizontal grid lines. Overrides step.
color	color	Default: Black
		If present, determines the color of the grid lines.
swidth	number	Default: 1
		If present, determines the thickness of the gridlines.
x	number	Optional.
		If present, the grid will begin at the specified horizontal location on the image.
y	number	Optional.
		If present, the grid will begin at the specified vertical location on the image.
width	number	Optional.
		If present, the grid will end at the specified horizontal location on the image.
height	number	Optional.
		If present, the grid will end at the specified vertical location on the image.

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/TestImages/truff.jpg]
scale=size[50%]
grid=color[yellow]
sink



#### gamma

#### Description

Apply a gamma correction curve to the image, or to one (or more) channels.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Desctiption
gamma	number	Optional, One argument required.
		If present, the entire image is adjusted by the application of gamma correction
red	number	Optional, One argument required.
		If present, the red channel is adjusted by the application of gamma correction
green	number	Optional, One argument required.
		If present, the green channel is adjusted by the application of gamma correction
blue	number	Optional, One argument required.
		If present, the blue channel is adjusted by the application of gamma correction

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/TestImages/truff.jpg]
scale=size[50%]
gamma=gamma[2.0]
sink



gamma=gamma[2.0]



gamma=gamma[0.6]

#### gblur

#### Description

Apply a Gaussian blurring to an image.

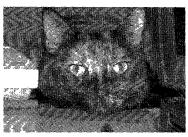
When blurring an image, numerous options exist for the mechanism and nature of the blurring function. One such mechanism, called a Gaussian blur, attempts to blur the digital image much the way an optical lens would - symmetrically in all directions from any single point. The function enables the user to specify the amount of blur (sigma) and the extent of the blur from any point (radius).

#### Arguments

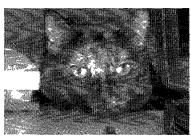
Argument	Туре	Description
width	number	Required.
		The extent of the blurring from any point.
sigma	number	Default: 1.0
		The amount of blurring to apply.

#### Example

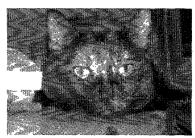
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/TestImages/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[300x300]&
gblur=width[2],sigma[1.0]&
sink



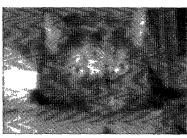
Original



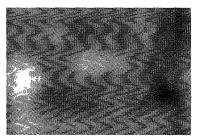
gblur=width[2],sigma[1.0]



gblur=width[4],sigma[1.0]



gblur=width[6],sigma[3]



gblur=width[20],sigma[20]

#### half

#### Description

Halve the size of an image. Pixel halving is performed by linear interpolation - High speed, mediocre quality. See scale on page 137 for higher-quality alternatives.

#### Arguments

none

#### hue

#### Description

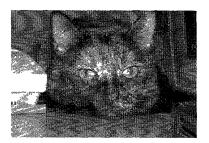
Adjusts hue (color) of an image

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
value	number	Required. $0 \le n \le 100$
		The amount of hue adjustment, as a percentage of 360°, to apply. A value of 50 shifts colors 180°, a value of 100 shifts colors 360°.

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
hue=value[20]&
sink



#### layer

#### Description

Replace the current image or add a named image to the pool containing the channel specified from the current image. The layer command replaces the original image data with a monochrome image from the selected channel. See the duplicate command to preserve the original image in the pool.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
layer	redlgreenl bluelalpha	The name of the channel to select
name	string	Optional;
		If omitted, the color channel specified is extracted and replaces the currentimage in the pool. If specified, the extracted layer is added to the pool under this name.

#### Example

To darken the green channel in an image (which will appear as a magenta cast), the layer command and brightness commands are used:

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
   name[cat]&
layer=layer[green],name[greenchannel]&
brightness=value[80]&
select=name[cat]&
composite=compose[replaceGreen],image[greenchannel]&
sink
```



#### optimize

#### Description

Adds format-specific optimizations from an image.

Certain formats, such as GIF-89, are capable of presenting their image data as several frames, each with its own origin, color table, and size. The optimize command identifies redundancies in the image and processes each frame to the smallest size possible, with the most efficient color table.

Optimized images are difficult to manipulate, but are significantly smaller when transmitted.

#### Arguments

none

#### quantize

#### Description

Reduce the number of colors in an image by using stepwise quantization.

Quantization maintains an even distribution of the image's colors while grouping them into evenly spaced clusters, and replaces the colors in the image with the average color of the cluster.

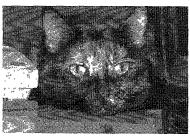
Optionally, the quantize command can be used to convert the image from one colorspace to another, by specifying the colorspace argument.

#### Arguments

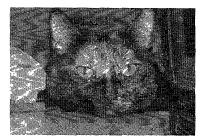
Argument	Туре	Description
colors	number	Required.
		The maximum number of colors in the new image
dither	Boolean	Default: false
		If true, the image is dithered to appear as if more colors are in use.
colorspace	RGB Grayl	Optional.
	Transparentl OHTAIXYZI YCbCrlYIQI YPbPrlYUV	The name of an alternative colorspace.

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],name[c]&
quantize=colors[16]&
sink



quantize=colors[16]

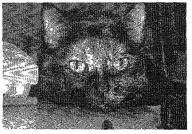


quantize=colors[8],dither[true]

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quantize=colors[8],
colorspace[gray]



quantize=colors[4],
colorspace[gray],dither[true]

#### removeprofile

Description

Removes all ICC profiles embedded in an image.

Arguments

None.

See

"addprofile" on page 83.

#### resize

#### Description

Scale an image, using a specific sampling algorithm.

See "scale" on page 137.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
size	diml%labsSiz e!	The desired size of the image.
		Size can be specified as a percentage (n%), an enclosing rectangle (mxn). or an absolute size in pixels (mxn!)
filter	Point Box	Default: point
	Trianglel Hermitel Hanningl Hammingl Blackmanl Gaussianl Quadraticl Cubicl Catroml Mitchelll Lanczosl BessellSinc	The name of the sampling algorithm to use.

#### Relative Performance

Filter	Overhead	Filter	Overhead
Point	(baseline)	Quadratic	160%
Box	114%	Mitchell	160%
Hamming	128%	Cubic	162%
Triangle	128%	Lanczos	196%
Hermite	128%	Cantrom	197%
Blackman	129%	Bessel	206%
Hanning	132%	Sinc	231%
Gaussian	136%		

TABLE 1. Relative Filter Performance

#### roll

#### Description

Roll an image horizontally or vertically.

Rolling an image shifts the content, replacing the original content with the portion of the image that fall outside the original image bounds.

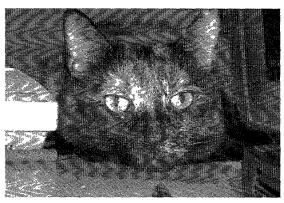
#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
x	number	Optional.
		The horizontal displacement, in pixels.
у	number	Optional.
		The vertical displacement, in pixels.

#### Example

By using the border command, in conjunction with the roll command and LiquiFire's ability to evaluate expressions, we can create a space for text annotations regardless of the image's size.

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]
   ,name[cat]&
border=height[20],width[1]&
roll=y[(cat.height-19)]&
annotate=gravity[south],font[Arial-Roman],
   text[A+Cat],pointsize[14],y[-28]&
sink
```



A Cat

#### rotate

#### Description

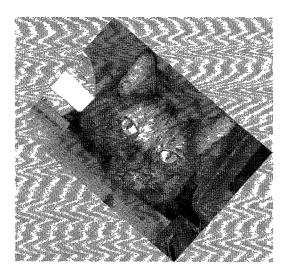
Rotate an image clockwise.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
degrees	number	Required.
		The angle, in degrees.
fill	color	Optional.
		If present, the 'triangles' remaining are filled with this color when an image is rotated an amount other than 90° increments.

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
rotate=degrees[38.5],fill[lightblue]&
sink



source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]&
scale=size[50%]&
rotate=degrees[90]&
sink



#### saturation

#### Description

Adjusts saturation of an image

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
value	number	Required.
		The amount of saturation adjustment to apply, represented as percent. A value of 0 will desaturate an image completely – converting it to grayscale; 100 represents no change; values greater than 100 increase saturation.



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saturation=value[50]



saturation=value[150]

#### scale

#### Description

Scale an image. Image dimensions can be specified in 4 ways:

Mechanism	Format	Description
a fixed target size	widthxheight!	In this mode, the image will be scaled to exactly the dimensions spedified. The image will be distorted from the original aspect ratio if necessary.
an enclosing rectangle	widthxheight	In this mode, the image will be scaled to the maximum size possible within the specified dimensions, preserving the image's aspect ratio
an enclosing square	side	Shorthand; equivalent to an enclosing rectangle with equal sides
a percentage	percent%	The image will be decreased in size if the number is less than 100; increased for numbers greater than 100.

TABLE 2. Image Dimension Specification

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
size	diml%l absSize!	The desired size of the image.
		Size can be specified as a percentage (nn%), an enclosing rectangle (mmxnn). or an absolute size in pixels (mmxnn!)
width	number	Optional.
		If present, the image is scaled to the specified width, in pixels.
height	number	Optional.
		If present, the image is scaled to the specified width, in pixels.

#### Example

Here, we specify the scale size in 'enclosing square' mode. The resulting image's aspect ratio is preserved with the larger size scaled to 400 pixels and the other such that the image is not stretched.

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/Fence.tif] & scale=size[400] & sink



Fixed target size can be used to stretch images:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/Fence.tif]
scale=size[500x100!]
sink



#### segment

#### Description

Perform color reduction by histogram analysis and similar-color clustering. Very accurate, Very computationally expensive (slow)

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
colorspace	RGBIGrayl Transparentl OHTAIXYZI YCbCrlYIQI YPbPrlYUVI	Optional.  If present, specifies new colorspace for the image.  Note that, for non-direct conversion, profile-based color management is not employed during this conversion
cluster smooth	number number	Weight to apply to color clusters  Amount of smoothing applied to the histogram. Higher numbers result in fewer colors



Original



segment=smooth[0.2]



segment=smooth[0.5]

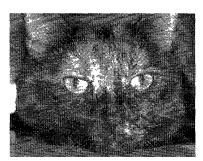
# sharpen

## Description

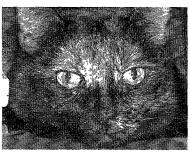
Apply sharpening with a laplacian kernel to an image. See also usharpmask on page 147.

# Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
radius	number	Required.
		The extent of the sharpening from any point.
sigma	number	Default: 1.0
		The amount of sharpening to apply.



Original



sharpen=radius[1],sigma[20]



sharpen=radius[2],sigma[20]

#### showid

#### Description

Images the JobID onto the image. This is useful when developing complex image chains as the JobID can be used in LiquiFire Orb to obtain additional detailed information about the processing of a job.

#### Arguments

None

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg]
scale=size[50%]
showid
sink



#### svg

#### Description

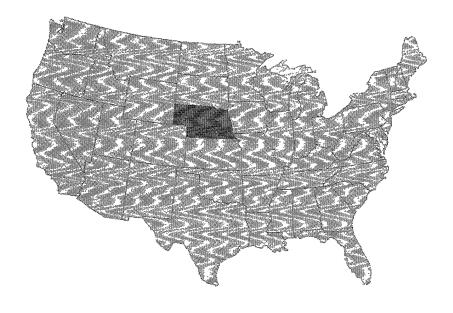
Manipulate Scalable Vector Graphics documents dynamically.

Additional information about SVG can be found at http://www.w3.org/TR/2001/PR-SVG-20010719/index.html

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
id	number	Required.
		The id for the SVG element you which to alter.
type	style	Required
		The type of manipulation to perform. Currently only styles may be changed.
value	string	Required
		The new value for the attribute

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/USA.svg]
svg=type[style],id[NE],value[fill:teal;]
sink
```



#### threshold

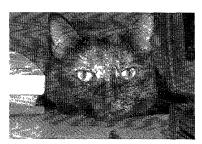
#### Description

Convert an image to monochrome via intensity thresholding.

The image is first converted to greyscale (more accuratly, the intensity of each pixel is evaluated). The gray levels are then mapped to either 'black' or 'white' by the threshold value. Gray levels below the threshold are changed to 'white' while those at or above the threshold are changed to 'black.'

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
level	number	Default: 128 $(0 \le n \le 255)$
		The gray level at which pixels are mapped to black.



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threshold=level[64]



threshold=level[192]

#### tile

#### Description

Fill the current image by tiling the specified image.

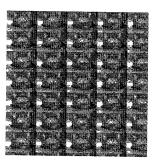
#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
image	string	The name of the image in the image pool to be used as the tile.

#### Example

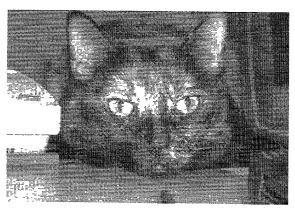
The first example takes the cat image, scales it to fit within a 64 pixel square, and uses this small picture as a tile on a blank image background.

```
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
    name[cat]&
scale=size[64]&
blank=width[300],height[300]&
tile=image[cat]&
sink
```



Here, we use LiquiFire to create the now ubiquitous 'Apple Effect' where an image is modified to contain lighter lines throughout:

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/truff.jpg],
 name[cat]&
scale=size[50%]&
blank=width[4],height[4],name[tile]&
draw=primitive[line],points[0 0 3 0],stroke[black]&
draw=primitive[line],points[0 2 3 2],stroke[black]&
blank=width[(cat.width)],height[(cat.height)],name[lines]&
tile=image[tile]&
brightness=value[30]&
select=name[cat]&
composite=compose[difference],image[lines]&
sink



#### transparent

#### Description

Indicate that the color specified should be transparent in formats which support transparency.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
color	color	Required.
		The color to be marked transparent.

#### Example

text=font[GillSans-Bold],pointsize[24],fill[Navy],
 text[Hello+Again]&
transparent=color[white]&
sink=format[gif]

# Hello Again

# usharpmask

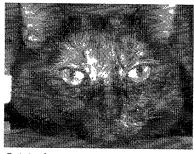
#### Description

Applies an unsharp masking transformation to an image.

Unsharp masking works by accentuating the difference between details, actually brightening and darkening adjacent pixels to increase apparent sharpness.

#### Arguments

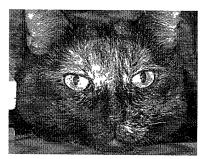
Argument	Туре	Description
radius	number	Required.
		The range of pixels adjacent to be affected.
amount	number	Required.
		The amount of adjustment to apply, as a percentage. Typical values range between 50 and 150 (%).
threshold	number	Optional.
		If present, the threshold which must be exceeded before sharpening is applied; if omitted, all pixels are affected.
sigma	number	Default: 5
		The standard deviation of the gaussian kernel, in pixels.



Original



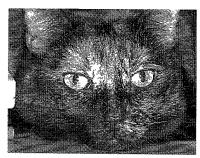
usharpmask=radius[1],
amount[150]



usharpmask=radius[1.5],
amount[120]



usharpmask=radius[3],
amount[120]



usharpmask=radius[1], amount[120],sigma[10]

#### unoptimize

#### Description

Removes format-specific optimizations from an image.

Certain formats, such as GIF-89, are capable of presenting their image data as several frames, each with its own origin, color table, and size. The unoptimize command converts each frame into an image the full size of the background image, and creates a unified color table. Images that have been unoptimized are larger, but may be much more easily manipulated in a uniform fashion.

Use the optimize command to reverse the process.

#### Arguments

none

#### watermark

# Description

Hides an image in the low-order bits of the current image

# Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
image	string	Required.
		The name of an image in the image pool to be hidden in the image
offset	number	Optional.
		The numeric offset to be applied to the data as it is embedded.

# Macros

# addalpha

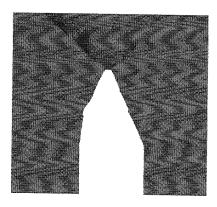
#### Description

Creates an image with transparency (alpha channel) from the combination of a color image and a mask image. The brightness of the mask image are used to define the opacity.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
image	url	Required;
		The url for the color image
mask	url	Required;
		The url for the mask image
invert	boolean	Default: false
		If true, the mask image is inverted before the combination process is performed.
name	string	Optional;
		If present, determines the the name for the combined image in the pool.

```
addalpha=image[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/Gray.jpg],
   mask[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/GrayMask.jpg],
   name[shirt],invert[true]&
blank=width[shirt.width],height[shirt.height]&
composite=compose[over],image[shirt]&
sink
```



# bullet

# Description

Creates an image containing a dingbat, or symol, and a single line of text, similar to a bulleted item.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
size	integer	Default: 10
		When the glyph argument is present, determines the size of the glyph drawn, in pixels.
space	integer	Optional;
		If present, determines the space, in pixels, surrounding the glyph drawn. If omitted, the space is set to one-half the size of the glyph.
bgcolor	color	Default: white
		If present, determines the the background color for the image.
glyph	circlelsquare	Optional;
		If present, determines the shape of the glyph to image adjacent to the text.
glyphfill	color	Default: black
		If present, determines the color of the glyph
glyphstroke	color	Optional;
		If present, the glyph is stroked (outlined) in the color specified.
glyphswidth	integer	Default: 1
		If present, determines the thickness of the glyph stroke.
mage	name	Optional;
		If present, the image named will be used in place of a graphic glyph.
oointsize	See "annotate"	on page 85.
ont	See "annotate"	on page 85

Argument	Туре	Description
text	See "annotate	on page 85.
fill	See "annotate"	on page 85.
swidth	See "annotate"	on page 85.
stroke	See "annotate'	on page 85.

# Example

```
bullet=text[Item+Number+Six],pointsize[16],
   glyphfill[darkred],font[Arial-Roman],fill[navy],glyph[square]
sink
```

#### ■ Item Number Six

```
source=url[file:DingbatC.eps],name[pixels]
scale=size[20]
bullet=text[LiquidPixels],pointsize[14],
   font[Arial-Roman],image[pixels]
sink
```

#### **፠** LiquidPixels

#### mftext

#### Description

Render text onto multiple frames of a multi-frame image.

This macro adds a sequence of select – annotate pairs operators to the image chain.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
start	number	Required.
		Frame number at which to start imaging text
end	number	Required.
		Frame number at which to end imaging text
name	string	Required.
		Name of multi-frame image in image pool on which text is to be rendered.
x	number	Required.
		Horizontal position of text baseline
y	number	Required.
		Vertical position of text baseline
xstep	number	Optional.
		If present, the horizontal position of the text baseline will be incremented by this value for each subsequent frame, resulting in animated text.
ystep	number	Optional.
		If present, the vertical position of the text baselinewill be incremented by this value for each subsequent frame resulting in animated text.
gravity	See "annotate"	on page 85.
font	See "annotate"	on page 85.
pointsize	See "annotate"	on page 85.
611	See "annotate"	on page 85.
stroke	See "annotate"	on page 85.
swidth	See "annotate"	on page 85.
text	string	Required.
		The text to be rendered onto the selected frames

#### Example

The banner image contains 39 frames of animation, and is stored as an optimized gif. Here, we use mftext three times to image a number onto multiple frames, so it persists for a portion of the animation. The optimize command removes this redundancy when the image is transmitted as GIF.

```
source=url[http://www.someserver.com/images/banner.gif]&
unoptimize&
mftext=start[1],end[10],name[_],font[GillSans-Roman],
    gravity[Southwest],x[50],y[-10],text[AAPL:+21.125],
    pointsize[12],fill[white]&
mftext=start[11],end[20],name[_],font[GillSans-Roman],
    gravity[Southwest],x[170],y[-10],text[IBM:+114.05],
    pointsize[12],fill[white]&
mftext=start[21],end[30],name[_],font[GillSans-Roman],
    gravity[Southwest],x[290],y[-10],text[SUNW:+31.125],
    pointsize[12],fill[white]&
select=name[_]&
optimize&
sink=format[GIF],loop[forever]
```

You could be trading right 22220/

This example depicts the creation of a four-frame image with the word 'Wheee' imaged at four locations on each frame.

```
blank=width[100], height[50], name[b]&
blank=width[100], height[50], name[a]&
attribute=key[delay], value[20]&
addframe=image[b], delay[20]&
addframe=image[b], delay[20]&
addframe=image[b], delay[20]&
select=image[a]&
mftext=font[Arial-Roman], pointsize[18], text[Wheee],
    start[1], end[4], xstep[10], x[5], y[30], name[a]&
select=image[a]&
sink=format[gif], loop[forever]
```

Wheee Wheee Wheee Frame 1 Frame 2 Frame 3 Frame 4

#### text

#### Description

Image text onto a new, appropriately sized, background image.

Text may contain unicode characters, expressed as Unnnn, where nnnn is a valid Unicode character value, or as extended characters, expressed as \nnn, where nnn is a valid ascii-extended character code.

Multiple lines may be imaged together; line breaks may be expressed by  $\n$  within the text.

Additional typefaces can be added to LiquiFire via FTP or LiquiFire Orb, or via URL.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
text	string	Required.
		The text to be rendered
font	See "annotate"	° on page 85.
pointsize	See "annotate"	on page 85.
name	string	Optional.
		If specified, the new image created by the text macro will be added to the image pool under this name. Otherwise, the image will be created as the current image.
pad	number	Optional.
		If specified, the background image will be larger than the bounding-box of the text by the specified number of pixels.
padx	number	Optional.
		If specified, the background image will be larger in width than the bounding-box of the text by the specified number of pixels. Overrides pad.
pady	number	Optional.
		If specified, the background image will be larger in height than the bounding-box of the text by the specified number of pixels. Overrides pad.
bgcolor	string	Default: white
		The color of the background image
fill	See "annotate" on page 85.	

#### Example

Notice the two escaped characters using two separate escaping methods: the \054, representing the `, ' using the `\' to specify an extended character, and the `+' representing a space ` ` using http url-encoding.

text=text[LiquidPixels\054+Incorporated],
 font[Anyway-Bold],pointsize[24]&
sink

LiquidPixels, Incorporated

#### textcurve

# Description

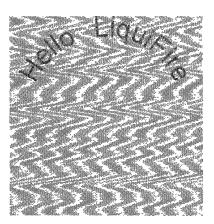
Render text along the radius of a curve.

# Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
text	string	Required.
		The text to be rendered onto the current image
font	See "annotate"	on page 85.
fill	See "annotate"	on page 85.
pointsize	See "annotate"	on page 85.
stroke	See "annotate"	on page 85.
swidth	See "annotate"	on page 85.
radius	number	Required.
		The radius, in pixels, of the circle on which the text will be imaged
x	number	Required.
		The horizontal location of the center of the curcle
у	number	Required.
		The vertical location of the center of the curcle
start	number	Optional.
		If present, the text will start from the angle specified and continue clockwise. If omitted, the text is centered along the top edge of the circle
spacing	number	Optional.
		If present, letters will be drawn at the specified separation. If omitted, letters are drawn following the font-specified character spacing

# Example

blank=width[200],height[200],color[gray80]&
textcurve=text[Hello+LiquiFire],x[100],y[100],radius[80],
 font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[20],fill[green]&
sink



#### dump

#### Description

Causes LiquiFire to dump the entire metadata table for the current image into the activity log. Useful at times for debugging complex metadata manipulations.

To access the activity log, the Job ID is required. The showid command can be used to facilitate access to this execution information via LiquiFire Orb. See "showid" on page 141.

#### Arguments

none

# Metacommands

#### auth

#### Description

Convey authorization information for a request.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
hash	string	Optional; hash or cipher must be present.
		If present, indicates the provided key is a unique hash specific to the request and unique server 'secret.'
cipher	string	Optional; hash or cipher must be present.
		If present, indicates the provided key is a unique cryptographic cipher specific to the request and unique server 'secret.'

#### Example

source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/cat.jpg]&
scale=geometry[200x200]&
auth=hash[d409fb30]&
sink

#### countdown

#### Description

Calculates the time remaining from the current time until the date specified.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
key	string	Required.
		The name of the metadata field to set
target	string	Required.
		The target date, in practically any format, including:
		Dow, dd Mon yyyy, dd Mon yy, dd Mon yyyy, Mon dd yyyy, yyyy/mm/dd, yyyy/mm, mm/dd/yy, mm/dd/yyy, mm/yy, count "days", count "weeks", count "months", count "years", Dow "after next", "next" Dow, "tomorrow", "today", "yesterday", "last" dow, "last week"
name	string	Optional.
		If specified, the name of the image where the resulting metadata will be set. If omitted, the Global metadata will be set.
type	DayslSeconds	Default: days
		Seconds: returns the countdown in seconds remaining until the target date.
		Days: returns the countdown in days remaining to the target date.

```
countdown=key[day],target[11/22/2001]&
text=text[There+are+(global.day)+days+till+Thanksgiving],
font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[16]&
sink
```

# There are 294 days till Thanksgiving

#### **fontmetrics**

#### Description

Determines the future resulting size of text when rendered in a specified font and size.

The resulting dimensions are added as esoteric metadata to the current image under the names metrics.x and metrics.y.

#### Arguments

Туре	Description
string	Required.
	The text to be measured
string	Required.
	The name of the typeface in which to render the text
number	Required.
	The size, in points, in which to render the text
	string

#### Example

```
fontmetrics=text[Hello],pointsize[30],font[Arial-Bold]&
blank=width[(_.metrics.x%2B5)],height[(_.metrics.y%2B5)]&
annotate=text[Hello],pointsize[30],gravity[Center],
    font[Arial-Bold]&
sink
```

# Hello

#### load

#### Description

Retrieve an image chain, or image chain fragment stored in a file from a web server, ftp server, or file within a LiquiFire server.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
url	url	Required.
		Describes the source for the image data

#### Example

With a file named /chains/tab.chain containing

```
source=url[file:tab.eps]&
annotate=font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[9],text[global.section],
    gravity[Center],fill[black]
located on a server http://www.liquidpixels.net, the request:
set=key[section],value[Section+One]&
load=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/chains/tab.chain]&
sink=format[gif]
creates the effective request
set=key[section],value[Section+One]&
source=url[file:tab.eps]&
annotate=font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[9],text[global.section],
    gravity[Center],fill[black]&
```



sink=format[gif]

#### regexcase

#### Description

A case statement for string expression matching.

Given a list of strings, returns the corresponding value when the key matches one of the specified expressions.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
key	string	Required.
		The key to match against the cases.
name	string	Required.
		The name of the global metadata field to contain the result
cases	string	Required.
		A 'l' separated list of extended regular expression patterns. Cases are searched in order.
values	string	Required
		A 'l' separated list of results to return when the specified key matches the corresponding expression specified in cases
default	string	Optional.
		The result to return should the key does not match any of the specified expressions

#### Example

In this example, the countdown command is used to calculate the number of days remaining until November 22, 2001. This value, stored in the global metadata field day is then matched against two regular expressions with the regexcase command. The first expression, '^. \$', will match a single character, while the second expression, '.+', will match one or more characters. If the number of days is 9 or less — a single digit — the first expression will match and regexcase will set the global metadata field vday to 'a few'. Otherwise, global.vday is set to the value in the global.day field originally set by countdown.

countdown=key[day], target[11/22/2001]&
regexcase=name[vday], key[global.day], cases[^.\$|.%2b],
 values[a+few|global.day]&
text=text[There+are+global.vday+days+till+Thanksgiving],
 font[Arial-Roman], pointsize[16]&
sink=format[gif]

# There are a few days till Thanksgiving There are 294 days till Thanksgiving

#### set

# Description

Sets a field in the global metadata to the value specified

# Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
key	string	Required.
		The name of the field to set
value	string	Optional.
		If specified, the value of the field will be set to the value specified. If omitted, the value of the metadata field will be cleared.

#### time

# Description

Populate esoteric metadata fields with values corresponding to the date and time specified, or the current time, if no date is specified.

The time command populates 33 subfields of the global.date metadata field.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
date	string	Optional. If omitted, the current time and date
		The time and/or date for which the fields should be populated. Times can be expressed in practically any format, including:
		Dow, dd Mon yyyy, dd Mon yy, dd Mon yyyy, Mon dd yyyy, yyyy/mm/dd, yyyy/mm, mm/dd/yy, mm/dd/yyyy, mm/yy, count "days", count "weeks", count "months", count "years", Dow "after next", "next" Dow, "tomorrow", "today", "yesterday", "last" dow, "last week"

#### Fields

Format	Description	Example
date.zhour	Hour number, 24 hour format, with leading zero	00
date.zhr	Hour number, 12 hour format, with leading zero	00
date.hour	Hour number, 24 hour format	0
date.hr	Hour number, 12 hour format	0
date.zmin	Minute number, with leading zeros	45
date.min	Minute number	45
date.zsec	Second number, with leading zeros	56
date.sec	Second number	56
date.zday	Day number, with leading zero	01
date.day	Day number	1
date.zmnum	Month number, with leading zeros	01
date.mnum	Month number	1
date.mon	Abbreviated month name	Jan
date.month	Month name	January

Format	Description	Example
date.yr	Year, 2 digit format	03
date.year	Year, 4 digit format	2003
date.zdoy	Day of the year, starting from 1, with leading zeros	001
date.doy	Day of the year, starting from 1	1
date.wkdy	Abbreviated day of the week	Mon
date.weekday	Day of the week	Monday
date.wkdynum	Week number, weeks start on Sunday	4
date.monornate	Ornate month (st, nd, rd)	2nd
date.ampm	Meridian indication	AM
date.quarter	Year quarter number	1
date.zone	Timezone, abbreviated universal form	EST
date.zonenum	Timezone, numeric form	-0500
date.mdyhms	Terse month/day/year hour:minute:second	01/01/01 00:00:00
date.long	Standard Internet format, including timezone	Mon Jan 1 00:00:00 EST 2001
date.mdy	Terse month/day/year	01/01/01
date.hms	hour:minute:second	03:45:56
date.hm	hour:minute	03:45
date.hmsampm	hour:minute:second with meridian	03:45:56 AM
date.common	Common long form date	Thursday, January 2, 2003
date.commontz	Common long form date, with timezone	Thursday, January 2, 2003 EST

#### Example

time=date[1/2/2003+3:05:56]&
text=font[Arial-Roman],pointsize[14],text[global.date.common]&
sink

# Thursday, January 2, 2003

#### timecase

#### Description

A case statement for dates.

Given a list of dates, times, or date-times, returns the corresponding value when the current time falls within one of the specified ranges.

#### Arguments

Argument	Туре	Description
name	string	Required.
		The name of the global metadata field to contain the result
cases	string	Required.
		A ' ' separated list of time ranges. Ranges are specified as two times, separated by a dash ('-'). Times can be expressed in practically any format, including:
		Dow, dd Mon yyyy, dd Mon yy, dd Mon yyyy, Mon dd yyyy, yyyy/mm/dd, yyyy/mm, mm/dd/yy, mm/dd/yyyy, mm/yy, count "days", count "weeks", count "months", count "years", Dow "after next", "next" Dow, "tomorrow", "today", "yesterday", "last" dow, "last week"
values	string	Required.
		A 'l' separated list of results to return when the current date falls within the corresponding date range specified in cases
default	string	Optional.
		The result to return when the current date does not fall within any of the specified ranges

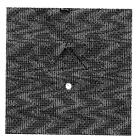
#### Example

Assuming a clothing sale runs for the seven days prior to Halloween, the following chain would display a sale indicator atop the image only during the sale period:

```
timecase=name[ss], cases[10/24/2001-10/31/2001],
   values[1], default[0]&
source=url[file:o/SpikeySplat.svg],name[splat]&
transparent=color[white]&
annotate=text[Sale!],font[GillSans-BoldItalic],
   pointsize[fit], width[(splat.width-60)],
   height[(splat.height-60)],
   gravity[Center],fill[red],stroke[black],swidth[2],
   if[global.ss]&
source=url[http://www.liquidpixels.net/images/shirttie/
   Blue-s.jpg], name[shirt]&
scale=size[200]&
blank=width[300],height[shirt.height]&
composite=image[shirt]&
composite=image[splat],gravity[northeast],if[global.ss]&
sink=format[jpg]
```



current date is between 10/24/2001 and 10/31/2001



current date outside the range

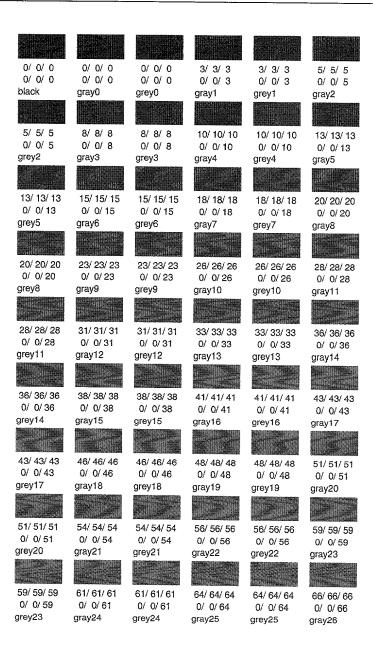
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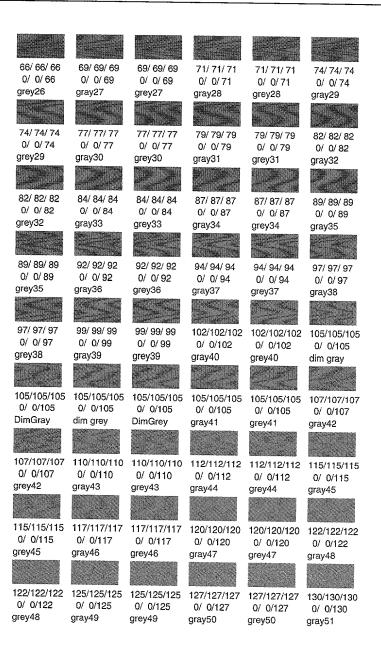
When color is to be specified, it may be described by name or by component value. To describe by value, colors are specified in the following format:

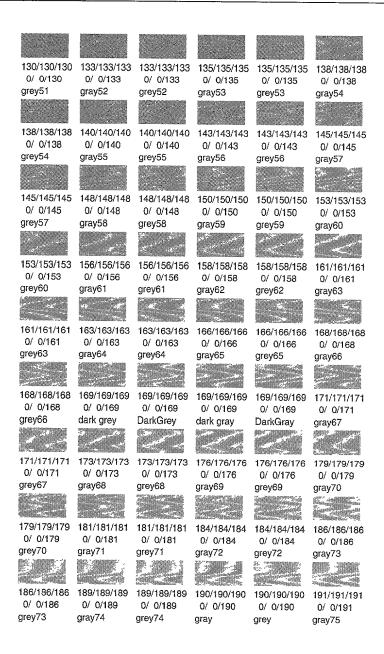
#RRGGB3

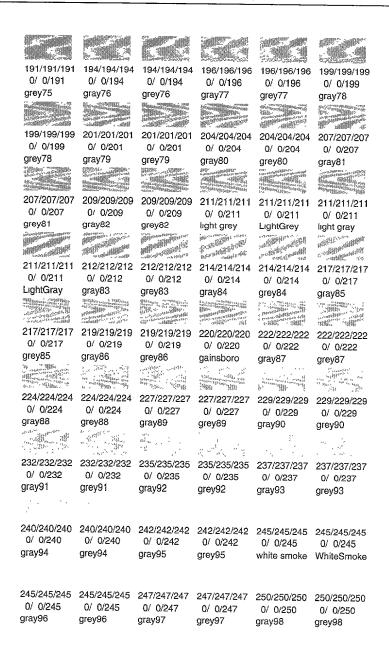
where RR represents a hexadecimal value for the Red component, GG represents a hexadecimal value for the Green component, and BB represents a hexadecimal value for the Blue component. Note that within requests presented over HTTP, the '#' symbol must be escaped as '%23.'

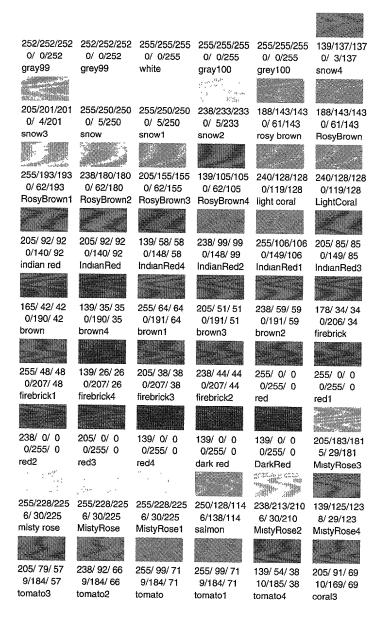
The list of supported color names, along with their definitions are identified in the tables that follow.

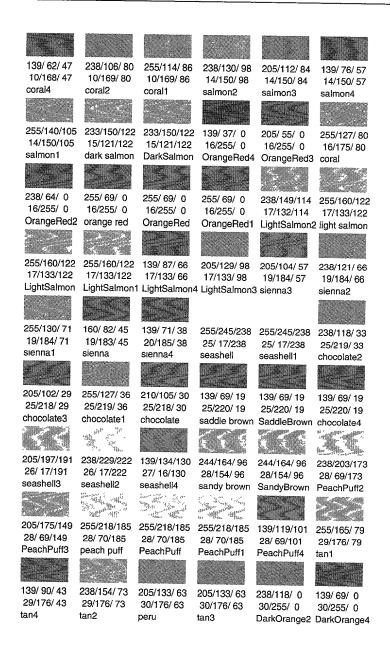


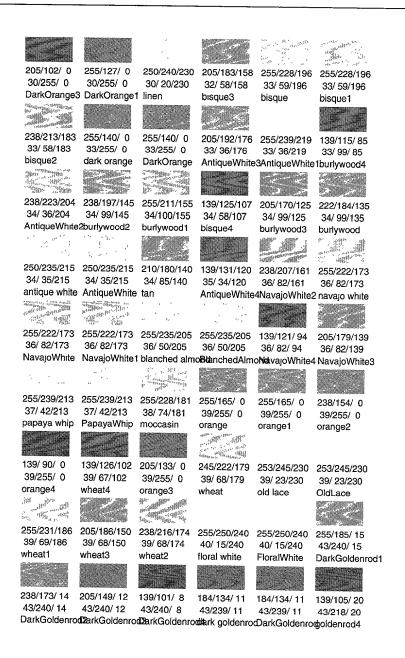


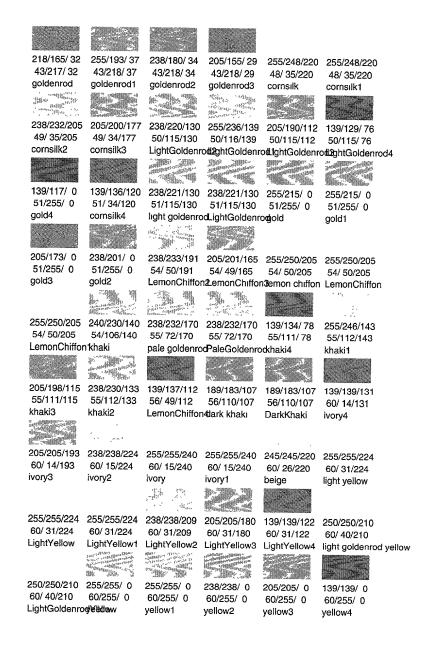


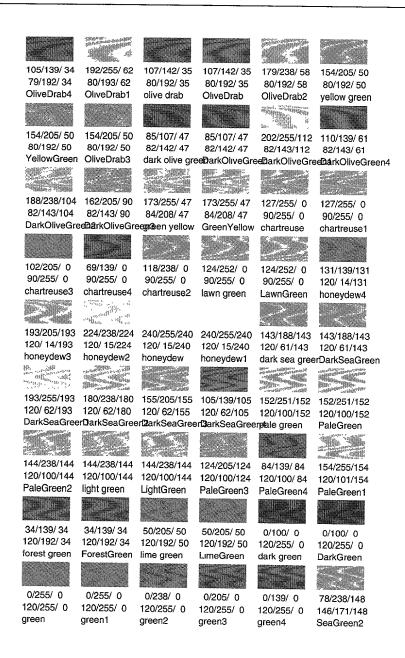


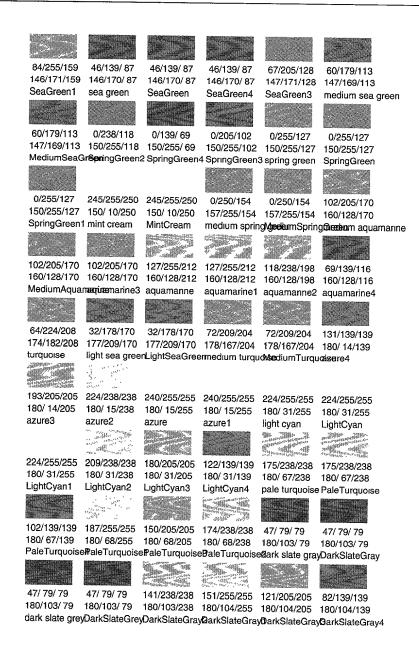


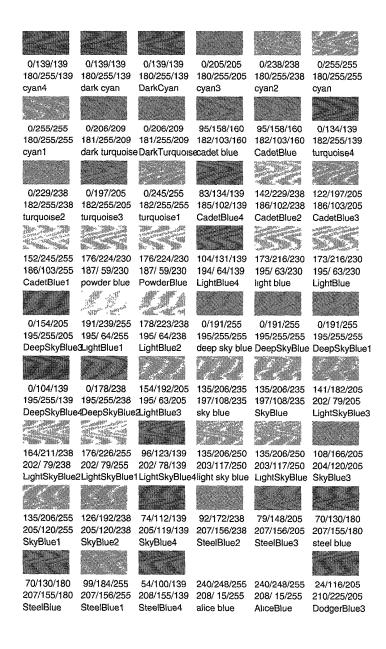


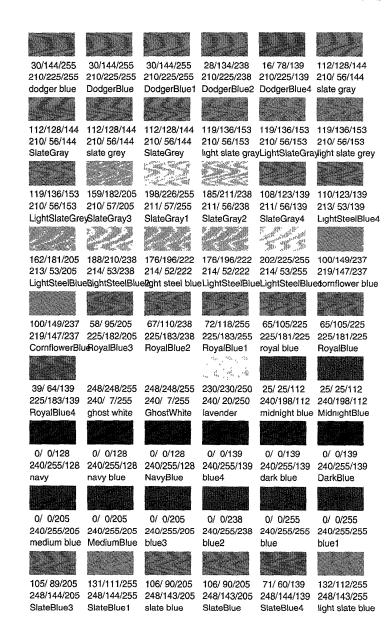


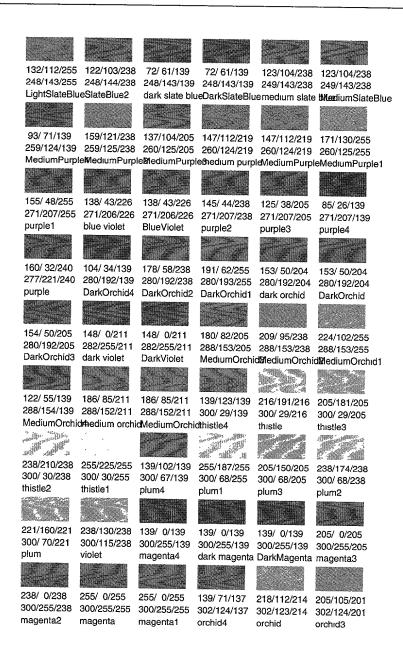












# APPENDIX B HTTP Syntax Definition

#### LiquiFire Syntax

```
lfescoctet
            = "\" DIGIT DIGIT DIGIT
lfunicode = "U" DIGIT DIGIT DIGIT
1fescape
           = lfescoctet | lfunicode | escape
lfname
           = *( ALPHA | DIGIT )
lfsafe
            = ALPHA | DIGIT | safe | lfescape
lfrequest
             = *( lfcommand )
lfcommand
             = lfname ["=" lfargs ]
lfargs
            = *( lfargkey "[" lfargvalue "]" "," )
            = *( ALPHA | DIGIT )
lfargkey
lfexpression = "(" *( lfsafe | "!" | "*" | "'" ) ")"
lfargvalue = lfsafe | lfexpression
```

## Basic URI Syntax.

For definitive information on URL syntax and semantics, see RFC 1738 and RFC 1808

```
= ( absoluteURI | relativeURI ) [ "#" fragment ]
              = scheme ":" *( uchar | reserved )
absoluteURI
relativeURI
            = net_path | abs_path | rel_path
              = "//" net_loc [ abs_path ]
net_path
              = "/" rel_path
abs_path
rel_path
              = [ path ] [ ";" params ] [ "?" query ]
path
              = fsegment *( "/" segment )
fsegment
              = 1*pchar
segment
              = *pchar
              = param *( "; " param )
params
param
              = *( pchar | "/" )
             = 1*( ALPHA | DIGIT | "+" | "-" | "." )
scheme
net_loc
              = *( pchar | ";" | "?" )
```

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```
query
                                                                                                                    = *( uchar | reserved )
      fragment
                                                                                                                                         = *( uchar | reserved )
   pchar
                                                                                                                                         = uchar | ":" | "@" | "&" | "=" | "+"
    uchar
                                                                                                                                         = unreserved | escape
   unreserved
                                                                                                                                    = ALPHA | DIGIT | safe | extra | national
   escape
                                                                                                                                                  = "%" HEX HEX
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# APPENDIX C Filter Control Values

Filter Type	Level	Alpha	Beta
Sketch	Degree of effect		
Emboss	Degree of effect		
Denoise	Degree of effect		
Implode	Degree of effect		
Solarize	Degree of effect		
Paint	Size of brush		
Swirl	Angle of swirling		
Shade	Elevation of light	Angle of light	
Wave	Amplitude	Wavelength	
Noise			
Despeckle			
Enhance			
Equalize			
Invert			
Normalize			
Spread			

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# APPENDIX D Image Metadata Fields

LiquiFire Name	Field Description
colors	Number of colors in the image
colorspace	Colorspace of the image; one of: RGB, Gray, Transparent, XYZ, YCbCr, YCC, YIQ, YPbPr, YUV, CMYK, sRGB
comment	Textual comment for the image
compress	Compression type; one of: None, BZip, Fax, Group4, JPEG, LosslessJPEG, LZW, Runlength, Zip
delay	Inter-frame delay
density	pixel density
depth	bits per pixel
dispose	GIF disposal mode
gamma	Image gamma compensation value, if assigned
height	Height of the image, in pixels
interlace	Image pixel organization; one of: Undefined, None, Line, Plateration
loop	GIF/MNG looping repetitions
matte	True if the image contains an alpha channel
monochrome	True if the image is bi-level
quality	For compression technologies, indicates the 'quality' or 'lossin of the compression
rendering_intent	Color management profile rendering intent; one of: Saturation Perceptual, Absolute, Relative
subimage	Number of frames in the image
type	Image data type; one of: Bilevel, Grayscale, Palette, PaletteMat TrueColor, TrueColorMatte, ColorSeparation

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LiquiFire Name	Field Description
units	Measurement units for density and resolution; one of: pixels/inch, pixels/mm
width	Width of the image, in pixels
x-resolution	Horizontal pixel density
y-resolution	Horizontal pixel density

# IPTC Metadata

This standard, developed by a consortium of world-wide providers including Reuters and the Associated Press was designed to identify images, digital-audio, and digital-video, as well as to identify the transport over which these media travel. Divided into two parts covering the transport and content, respectively, IPTC metadata has become the de-facto standard for image metadata due to the support of widely available imaging packages such as Adobe<sup>TM</sup> PhotoShop<sup>TM</sup>.

LiquiFire supports and maintains any elements within Part 2 that are present in the original image.

IPTC Name	IPTC ID	LiquiFire Name	Field Description
action advised	2:42	actionadvised	Action code, defined by image provider 2 digits
by-line	2:80	byline	Photographer's Name 32 characters
by-line title	2:85	bylinetitle	Photographer's title. For example, House photographer or correspondent etc 32 characters
caption/ abstract	2:120	caption	Full text of caption 2000 characters
category	2:15	category	The subject of the image 3 letter code
city	2:90	city	City of image origin 32 characters
contact	2:118	contact	Contact for further image information 128 characters
content location code	2:26	contentlocationcode	Country in which the captured event took place 3 letter code
content location name	2:27	contentlocationname	Country in which the captured event took place; full name 64 characters
copyright notice	2:116	copyright	The image provider's copyright notice 128 characters
country/ primary location code	2:100	primarylocationcode	Country in which the image was captured 3 letter code
country/ primary location name	2:101	primarylocationname	Country in which the image was captured; full name 64 characters

IPTC Name	IPTC ID	LiquiFire Name	Field Description
credit	2:110	credit	Identity of the provider. Possibly an organization representing the capturer 32 characters
date created	2:55	datecreated	Date of event (not necessarily digitization time)
digital creation date	2:62	digitalcreationdate	Date digital conversion took place
digital creation time	2:63	digitalcreationtime	Time digital conversion took place
edit status	2:07	editstatus	Status of the object data 64 characters
editorial update	2:08	editorialupdate	Indicates edits made to other fields fieldID
expiration date	2:37	expirationdate	The latest valid date at which this image may be used
expiration time	2:38	expirationtime	The latest valid time at which this image may be used
fixture identifier	2:22	fixtureidentifier	
headline	2:105	headline	Synopsis of the subject matter 256 characters
image orientation	2:131	imageorientation	Portrait: P, Landscape: L, Square: S Single character code
image type	2:130	imagetype	Code representing image data composition
object cycle	2:75	objectcycle	For images with cyclic use, indicates Morning, Evening, or Both 1 character
object name	2:05	objectname	Image title 64 characters
original transmission reference	2:103	originaltransmissionrefe rence	Provider's code indicating image transmission origin 32 characters
originating program	2:65	originatingprogram	Name of digitization program 64 characters
program version	2:70	programversion	Version of digitization program 10 characters

IPTC Name	IPTC ID	LiquiFire Name	Field Description
province/ state	2:95	province	Province or State of image origin 32 characters
reference date	2:47	referencedate	Provider origin date
reference number	2:50	referencenumber	Provider origin numeric code 8 characters
reference service	2:45	referenceservice	Provider origin service name 10 characters
release date	2:30	releasedate	Earliest permissible image utilization date
release time	2:35	releasetime	Earliest permissible image utilization time
source	2:115	source	Original image owner or creator 32 characters
special instructions	2:40	specialinstructions	Special handling instructions 255 characters
sub-location	2:92	sublocation	Identification of sub-location 32 characters
subject reference	2:12	subjectreference	Colon (:) separated list of Subject Reference Number, Subject Name, Subject Matter, Subject Detail Name 236 characters
time created	2:60	timecreated	Time of event (not necessarily digitization time)
urgency	2:10	urgency	Urgency, from 1 (most) through 8 (least) 1 digit
writer/editor	2:122	writereditor	Name of metadata author 32 characters

# EXIF Metadata

Exif data is captured from images originating in any of the following formats: BMP, GIF, JPEG (JFIF/EXIF), PNG, SVG, XBM, XPM.

LiquiFire Name	Field Description
FNumber	Recriprocal of the aperature of the lens at time of capture
BitsPerSample	Number of bits per pixel sample
CompressedBitsPerPixel	Compression model used for the image, expressed in bite per pixel sample
ExposureTime	Time at which the image was captured
FocalLength	Focal length of the lens, in millimeters, at time of capture
SubjectDistance	Fistance, in meters, to the subject
YCbCrSubSampling	Sampling ratio of chrominance components in relation to the luminance component.
XResolution	Horizontal image pixel density
YResolution	Vertical image pixel density
WhitePoint	Chromaticity of the white point of the image
PrimaryChromaticities	Chromaticity of the three primary colors of the image.
YCbCrCoefficients	The matrix coefficients for transformation from RGB to YCBCR image data
ReferenceBlackWhite	Reference black point and white point values
GPSLatitude	Latitude, in degrees, minutes, seconds, N/S
GPSLongitude	Longitude, in degrees, minutes, seconds, E/W
GPSAltitude	Altirude, in meters
GPSTimeStamp	Time of data acquisition
GPSDOP	GPS Degree Of Precision
GPSSpeed	GPS receiver speed of movement, in kilometers/hour (K), miles per hour (M), or Knots (N)
GPSTrack	GPS receiver direction of movement, in degrees
GPSImgDirection	Direction in which the image was captured, in degrees
GPSDestLatitude	Latitude, in degrees, minutes, seconds, N/S, of the destination
GPSDestLongitude	Longitude, in degrees, minutes, seconds, E/W, of the destination
GPSDestBearing	Bearing to destination point, in degrees
GPSDestDistance	Distance to destination point, in degrees
MakerNote	Manufacturer device identification information

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